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# SCHOOL

AND

# FINANCIAL REPORTS,

OF THE

# TOWN OF ANTRIM,

For the Year 1865-6.

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# SCHOOL REPORT.

## SUMMER TERM.

District No. 1. Helen B. Curtice. This school was prospered and appeared well at the close.

Dis. No. 2. Nancy M. M'Clure. The teacher tried hard to be useful to her pupils, but failed to secure on their part the energy and industry which are necessary to success. The order was not what was desirable.

Dis. No. 3. Augusta C. Barber. This teacher succeeded in her efforts to inspire her pupils with a good measure of her own energy and zeal, and the result was a very orderly, pleasant and profitable school.

Dis. No. 4. Eunice W. Field. There was no lack of industry on the part of the teacher, and the term seemed a profitable one.

Dis. No. 5. Mary M. Dodge. The attendance and deportment were good, and the closing exercises were creditable to both teacher and scholars, except the spelling.

Dis. No. 9. Sarah J. Robbe. The term was pleasant, and the school was orderly, but there was too much prompting at the recitations to secure the greatest amount of profit.

Dis. No. 12. Mrs. Susan M. Clement. This teacher has been employed in several of our districts, and with uniform success. The scholars made good progress during this term.

Dis. No. 13. Frances M. Richardson. This is one of the most difficult schools in town. The teacher worked hard but failed to secure the requisite attention to order and study.

Dis. No. 14. Lucy A. Tuttle. Only two scholars belonged to this district; two others came in. The teacher and scholars did well.

## FALL AND WINTER TERMS.

District No. 1. Sara F. Bickford. This teacher, with more accuracy of scholarship, would be one of the best. The order was excellent, and the closing examination showed industry on the part of both teacher and scholars. Punctuality in this district has been improved.

Dis. No. 2. Marian Raddin & Joseph G. Joslin. The first teacher seemed truly desirous of meeting all her obligations, but utterly failed to secure good order, and gave up the school as soon as she learned that complaints were made. Under the firm and kind management of the second teacher, the remainder of the term was orderly and successful, though on the part of some of the scholars interest in studies was greatly diminished by other matters.

Dis. No. 3. Sarah Rumrill. This is an experienced teacher, but somewhat behind the times in her modes of instruction.—The order was not as good as desirable, but most of the classes, especially the younger, seemed to be doing well, and the committee was unable to discover sufficient reason for the complaints which induced the teacher to leave about the middle of the term.

Dis. No. 4. Eunice W. Field. The same teacher as for the Summer term, but not apparently with the same degree of satisfaction. There was no lack of industry, but some want of thoroughness and accuracy in giving instruction; yet most of the scholars made fair progress.

Dis. No. 5. Lucretia M. Robinson. An earnest and laborious teacher, but the order and attention to study were not what this school has sometimes had credit for.

Dis. No. 6. Helen B. Curtice. A very profitable term.

Dis. No. 7. Eunice W. Field. A profitable term; but less prompting in pronouncing and spelling hard words, would have been an improvement.

Dis. No. 8. Frances A. Carr. Only two scholars in this district; three others came in. The few that were present made fair improvement.

Dis. No. 9. Mrs. Susan M. Clement. This school was considerably enlarged by the attendance of several not living in the district, and by their aid the term was considerably lengthened. Under the faithful efforts of the teacher, the school was rendered one of the most successful in town; but there was too much irregularity in the attendance.

Dis. No. 10. Frances A. Carr. This school was not closed at the time of making this report, but when visited seemed to be doing well.

Dis. No. 11. Dorothy M. Wilder. Only two little children attended this school, and it is presumed they made as good progress as could reasonably be expected.

Dis. No. 12. Susan M. Clement, and Lucretia M. Robinson. This school was interrupted by the sickness of the first teacher. After a recess of several weeks, it was resumed by a second teacher and is now in successful operation.

Dis. No. 13. Mr. Carlton, Elizabeth S. Gerry. This school bid fair to do well with the first teacher, who was compelled to leave by sickness. The second teacher has not yet fulfilled her engagement and seems to be doing good work.

## REMARKS.

The Summer Schools enjoyed their average prosperity, but the Winter Schools did not. Several districts were very late in securing teachers for the winter term, and several schools were broken up from the causes already specified. The Committee feels pained at the necessity of saying anything which implies censure, either of teachers, scholars, or parents. He has felt a great interest in the schools, and would cheerfully have given more time to ensure their welfare, had other and more pressing engagements permitted; and to speak nothing but words of commendation would afford great pleasure.

It is scarcely possible to over estimate the importance of our public schools. They furnish the groundwork of education for the mass of the people, and are therefore among the chief agencies for laying the foundation for individual character, and securing fitness for honor and usefulness in the world. Religion and learning are the basis upon which our free institutions rest. Without their support rational freedom cannot possibly exist. These two agencies should ever go hand in hand, and every good citizen, as well as every parent, should be prepared to use every effort to secure a christian education for all the youth of the State. Only by such an education can the rising generation be fitted for the active duties and trials of life.

Considering the value of our schools, it is a ground of deep regret that the terms are so short, and unless more money be raised they will be shorter still. With the advance of prices of everything else, teachers must of necessity have an increase of wages, and thus the terms must be shortened, unless some method be adopted for enlarging the school fund. If things continue as they are, this subject must commend itself to the legislature, to devise some means to prevent the educational interests of the State from suffering. This should serve to impress the minds of all with the importance of arranging districts so as to secure the greatest economy in expending what school monies we have. Is it wise to maintain a school for two or three scholars, while a union with another district is practicable, and would secure twice as much instruction?

The subject of Text Books is of much importance. No change has been made during the past year, but in one of the schools a U. S. History has been introduced, which, it is hoped, will prove very useful. It is desirable to render the instruction of our schools as practicable as possible. While mental culture should not be lost sight of, usefulness should be kept constantly in view.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BATES, S. S. Committee.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

### Summer Term.

| Districts. | Length of School. | Number of Scholars. | Average Attendance. | No. not absent ½ day. | Tardiness. | Corporeal Punishment. | Visits by the S. S. Com. | Visits by the Prud. Com. | Visits by Citizens. | Wages per month. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number 1 | 8½ | 25 | 19 | 2 | 26 | | 2 | | 17 | $18 00 |
| " 2 | 8 | 42 | 38 | 29 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 53 | 22 00 |
| " 3 | 7 | 30 | | 10 | 6 | | 2 | | 48 | 20 00 |
| " 4 | 10 | 20 | 16½ | 2 | 39 | | 2 | | 19 | 20 00 |
| " 5 | 7 | 24 | 22½ | 9 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 64 | 00 |
| " 9 | 7 | 15 | 14 | 8 | 1 | | 2 | | 12 | 13 00 |
| " 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " 13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " 14 | 8 | 4 | 2¾ | | 2 | | 2 | | 9 | 12 00 |

### Winter Term.

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| Number 1 | 8½ | | 27½ | 7 | 31 | | 2 | 2 | 35 | $27 00 |
| " 2 | 8 | 40 | | 16 | 12 | | 4 | 3 | 26 | |
| " 3 | 4 | 36 | 31 | 3 | 10 | | 2 | 1 | | 20 00 |
| " 4 | 8½ | 17 | 11¾ | | 20 | | 2 | 1 | 7 | 20 00 |
| " 5 | 8 | 29 | 24¾ | 4 | 24 | | 3 | 3 | 35 | 20 00 |
| " 6 | 12 | 11 | 8⅔ | 4 | 34 | | 2 | 1 | 17 | 20 00 |
| " 7 | 8 | 15 | 11 | 4 | 37 | | 2 | 1 | 16 | 20 00 |
| " 8 | 5 | 5 | 4½ | 2 | 3 | | 2 | | | 19 00 |
| " 9 | 10 | 20 | 17 | 2 | 60 | | 2 | 1 | 22 | 18 00 |
| " 10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " 11 | 8 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| " 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " 13 | | | | | | | | | | |

Note.—Several Registers have not been returned to the Committee as the terms are not yet closed, and some are but imperfectly kept.

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1866.

The amount of tax-list committed to Harvey Stacy for collection was $7546 44

Paid as follows;

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State tax, | $2707 50 | |
| County tax, | 645 15 | |
| Sundry receipts from the Treasurer, | 4154 00 | |
| Non-resident highway tax wrought out, | 39 79 | |
| | | $7546 44 |

The Auditors charge the Selectmen with cash to the am't of $22,612 13

And credit the Selectmen as follows:

| | | |
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| By paid State aid, | $549 76 | |
| By enlisting one soldier, | 325 00 | |
| By paid town treasurer, | 21,737 37 | |
| | | $22,612 13 |

*Receipts into the Treasury.*

| | |
|---|---|
| From Treasurer, 1864, | 517 47 |
| " Selectmen, | 21,737 37 |
| " T. M. Paige, | 31 |
| " Literary Fund, | 25 00 |
| " Savings Bank Tax, | 175 98 |
| " Collector, 1864, | 1 50 |
| " County, | 37 25 |
| " Collector, | 4,154 00 |
| | $26,648 88 |

Paid out as follows;

*School Orders.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| District No. | 1, Ephraim Simonds, | 82 29 |
| " " | 2, G. G. Hutchinson, | 113 31 |
| " " | 3, Oliver Swett, | 115 20 |
| " " | 4, Newton Perry, | 76 88 |
| " " | 5, H. B. Tuttle, | 49 39 |
| " " | 6, W. H. Richardson, | 34 38 |
| " " | 7, E. F. Gould, | 38 65 |
| " " | 8, T. S. Worthley, | 12 00 |
| " " | 9, B. F. Dustin, | 30 02 |
| " " | 10, A. Brown, | 24 32 |
| " " | 11, Wm. Weston, | 26 16 |
| " " | 12, Hiram Eaton, | 46 01 |
| " " | 13, James Balch, | 114 94 |
| " " | 14, J. S. Shedd, | 18 36 |
| " " | 15, C. M. Flint, | 7 24 |
| | | $789 15 |

*Town Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| James W. Perkins, labor on Forest road, | 4 00 |
| Isaac Baldwin, planks and labor on bridge, | 21 19 |
| David P. Avery, labor on bridge, | 1 33 |
| Thomas Barker, over tax, | 3 72 |
| Ira Cochran, over tax on pasture, | 3 04 |
| John L. Worthley, endorsed on note, | 15 00 |
| Henry M. Barker, powder, labor and plank, | 4 05 |
| S. N. Worthley, interest on note, | 6 00 |
| F. M. Shattuck, bridge plank, | 4 23 |
| Josiah Loveren, | 10 33 |
| Samuel Robb, plank and labor on Forest road, | 5 00 |
| Wm. R. Carr, repairing road and blasting rocks, | 17 31 |
| Wm. N. Tuttle, stone work on Peabody bridge, | 70 00 |
| Jeremiah Hills, endorsement on note, | 100 00 |
| " " interest on note, | 30 00 |
| L. S. Curtis, breaking roads, 1863, | 2 25 |
| C. B. Cram, road damage, | 15 00 |
| William Duncan, over tax, 1863, | 70 |
| James M. Wilson, lumber for bridge, | 8 41 |
| William Duncan, over tax, 1865, | 1 08 |
| M. D. Poor, lumber for bridge, | 49 97 |
| A. J. Curtis, abutment for bridge, | 8 00 |
| Amos Corey, endorsement on note, | 89 40 |
| Thomas D. Twiss, digging grave for J. Reid, | 1 50 |
| John L. Worthley, endorsed on note, | 10 00 |
| Hiram Eaton, lumber for bridge, | 1 00 |
| Reuben Boutelle, services as sexton, | 3 50 |
| E. L. Vose, cash paid Hutchinson on road, | 50 |
| John Dodge, interest on note, | 24 00 |
| Scott & Smith, damage and fees in Jackson case, | 63 00 |
| E. L. Vose, cash paid Levi Goodell, surveyor, | 1 00 |
| " " labor on road, | 75 |
| " " heifer taken by Commissioners, | 2 50 |
| Joseph Moulton, plank and labor on road, | 12 48 |

| | |
|---|---|
| James M. Wilson, plank and labor on bridge, | 6 40 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, services as sexton, | 12 50 |
| " " labor on road, | 1 75 |
| " " interest on note, | 19 26 |
| B. F. Dustin, breaking roads, | 2 50 |
| R. S. Chesmore, repairing road and bridge, | 6 08 |
| Luke Thompson, plank for bridge, | 1 44 |
| Cyrus Saltmarsh, services as committee in cattle case, | 7 00 |
| J. C. Butterfield, plank for bridge, | 1 80 |
| C. Butterfield, breaking roads, | 1 50 |
| Wm. M. Parsons, over tax on dogs, | 2 00 |
| Otis Smith, abutment for bridge, in part, | 60 00 |
| Mary Christie, interest on note, | 84 52 |
| Sarah C. Curtis, interest on note, | 50 00 |
| Chas. E. Lathe, endorsed on note, | 150 00 |
| Hiram Eaton, building bridge and lumber, | 1 62 |
| Wm. G. Roach, building Thompson bridge, | 105 00 |
| Gilman Dunlap, interest on note, | 60 00 |
| Luther T. Hastings, interest on note, | 60 00 |
| J. L. Worthley, endorsed on note, | 50 00 |
| Myron W. Wood, steer taken by Commissioners, | 5 00 |
| Otis Smith, repairing abutment to bridge, | 87 00 |
| J. L. Worthley, endorsed on note, | 30 00 |
| " " " " " | 150 00 |
| N. B. Herrick, repairing bridge, | 2 77 |
| Warren D. Hatch, breaking roads, | 1 10 |
| Wm. H. Richardson, breaking roads, 1863, | 2 09 |
| N. H. Tyrrell, breaking out Forest road, | 1 84 |
| K. C. Scott, printing reports, | 25 00 |
| Hannah Clark, interest on note, | 7 50 |
| Otis Smith, building bridge near Dow's, | 72 50 |
| James E. Vose, services as town clerk, | 5 00 |
| C. C. Fisher, services on Town Farm, | 300 00 |
| Luke Thompson, building bridge, | 37 87 |
| J. L. Worthley, endorsed on note, | 25 00 |
| N. H. Tyrrell, repairing Forest road, | 1 00 |
| Thomas Brown, repairing road, | 2 25 |
| Samuel H. Atwood, town bounty, | 125 00 |
| Briggs & Teel, services in the Oliver case, | 21 00 |
| Wm. Robb, cattle taken by Commissioners, | 13 00 |
| George Y. Sawyer, cash and fees in the Oliver case, | 126 51 |
| A. Fairfield, printing, | 3 60 |
| Wm. R. Carr, breaking roads, | 50 |
| Sylvester Preston, repairing bridge, | 1 00 |
| Wm. B. Curtis, " " | 2 50 |
| George F. Parmenter, repairing road, | 11 00 |
| Alice Griffin, interest on note, | 11 46 |
| Benjamin Kidder, repairing road, | 3 75 |
| J. S. Parmenter, services as sexton, | 10 50 |
| William Little, plank, | 3 18 |
| N. B. Herrick, labor and timber for road and bridge, | 13 20 |
| Wm. B. Curtis, watering place, | 3 00 |
| Alice Griffin, interest on note, | 36 00 |
| A. Fairfield, use of room, | 1 00 |
| M. B. McIlvin, breaking roads, | 4 71 |

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|---|---|
| Eben Bass, repairing road and bridge, | 3 50 |
| Thomas D. Twiss, services as sexton, | 11 00 |
| Henry Simonds, sawing lumber and planing boards, | 1 54 |
| Wm. S. Foster, services as Selectman, | 90 00 |
| " " " cash paid for stationery, &c., | 19 00 |
| " " " services in Jackson case, | 6 50 |
| " " " " " Oliver " | 5 87 |
| " " " journey to Concord enlisting soldiers, | 5 65 |
| James W. Perkins, services as Selectman, | 54 00 |
| Morris Christie, interest on note, | 1 47 |
| James Boyd, repairing highway, | 2 00 |
| E. L. Vose, care of Town House, | 3 00 |
| " " " notifying jurors, | 3 00 |
| " " " services as Town Clerk, | 12 00 |
| " " " " " Selectman, | 71 00 |
| James Boyd, services and cash paid in Oliver case, | 9 00 |
| Wm. White, labor on road, | 2 75 |
| J. H. Bates, services as S. S. Committee, | 35 00 |
| Harvey Stacy, services as Collector, | 42 00 |
| Harvey Stacy & Co., use of hall, | 3 00 |
| Harvey Stacy, abatement of John Sawyer's tax, | 11 47 |
| James Boyd, services as Treasurer, | 40 00 |
| Wm. N. Tuttle, services as Auditor, | 7 00 |
| Ephraim Simonds, " " | 7 00 |
| Harvey Stacy, abatement on tax list, | 31 86 |
| O. K. Carr, labor, repairing roads, | 3 43 |
| | $2902 56 |

*Poor Farm Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| L. S. Curtis, rye and use of stud, | 5 62 |
| D. H. Goodell, goo ls, | 7 24 |
| " " " meat, | 38 55 |
| L. M. Wilkins, shoe work, | 3 80 |
| J. R. Goodell, beef, | 4 15 |
| E. L. Vose, cash paid for cloth, | 12 84 |
| S. A. Holt, pork, | 4 79 |
| Luke Thompson, sundries, | 5 96 |
| John B. Woodbury, goods, | 216 70 |
| Wm. M. Parsons, medical attendance, R. Butters, | 1 25 |
| George G. Whitney, haying, | 20 00 |
| A. Fairfield, goods, | 66 34 |
| Miles C. Barker, Admr., Dea. Bond's bill, | 8 00 |
| " " " " balance of Bond's account, | 6 80 |
| Edmund Sawyer, smithwork, | 6 79 |
| Morris Christie, medical aid, | 3 00 |
| Harvey Holt, pigs, | 6 00 |
| | $417 83 |

*Poor not on Farm.*

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|---|---|
| D. H. Goodell, goods for Dan Dunlap, | 12 00 |
| O. K. Carr, cash and services burial of J. Reid, | 4 15 |
| Morris Christie, medical aid J. Reid and wife, | 12 50 |
| J. W. Perkins, wood for Maria Case, | 7 50 |
| A. Fairfield, goods for J. S. Atwood, | 3 00 |

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|---|---|
| E. L. Vose, removing J. Moor and wife to County Farm, | 5 00 |
| A. Fairfield, goods for J. Reid and J. Moor, | 3 63 |
| E. L. Vose, cash paid Philbrick for Moor, | 2 00 |
| J. B. Woodbury, goods for David Case, | 15 00 |
| " " " " " Dan Dunlap, | 24 65 |
| " " " " " Maria Case, | 25 00 |
| Gilman Dunlap, aid to Dan Dunlap, | 20 00 |
| Wm. M. Parsons, medical attendance upon Maria Case's child, | 21 00 |
| " " " " " " Mrs. Brooks, | 8 00 |
| Nathaniel Philbrick, care of Mrs. Brooks, | 4 50 |
| Mark N. Spaulding, for Isaac Walker, | 38 28 |
| James C. Towne, nursing James Reid, | 5 00 |
| Diantha Atwood, " " " | 2 50 |
| Albert Baldwin, aid of Hezekiah Abbott, | 1 82 |
| A. Fairfield, goods furnished Philbrick for care of Mrs. Brooks, | 7 50 |
| M. B. McIlvin, whiskey for J. Reid, | 50 |
| | $223 53 |

*Notes Paid.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Morris Christie, | 146 00 | Caroline E. Stacy, | 208 90 |
| John Bell, | 136 60 | Joseph S. Brooks, | 143 74 |
| E. L. Vose, Admr., | 225 35 | C. C. Fisher, | 299 56 |
| " " " " | 574 57 | J. R. Hills, | 204 00 |
| " " " " | 104 00 | Hiram Eaton, | 132 50 |
| " " " " | 175 95 | John D. Butler, | 1064 50 |
| " " " " | 158 60 | Caleb Clark, | 405 16 |
| Amos Corey, | 200 00 | " " | 196 97 |
| John E. Hastings, | 302 21 | E. Y. Hastings, | 154 05 |
| H. B. Tuttle, | 159 13 | " " " | 1087 38 |
| Gilman Dunlap, | 1015 67 | N. B. Herrick, | 169 27 |
| T. M. Paige, | 574 20 | Gilman Dunlap, | 107 77 |
| " " " | 105 43 | H. O. Abbott, | 210 00 |
| " " " | 424 40 | Mark True, | 226 76 |
| Chas. F. Parmenter, | 119 10 | John H. Cleaves, | 141 93 |
| George F. Parmenter, | 300 00 | Wm. S. Foster, | 139 56 |
| J. L. Worthley, | 476 68 | Nathaniel Flint, | 130 38 |
| Nathaniel Flint, | 145 19 | J. W. Perkins, | 334 58 |
| Hiram Griffin, | 524 03 | Mark True, | 193 23 |
| " | 454 60 | O. A. Willey, | 737 45 |
| " " | 98 37 | E. W. Esty, | 149 02 |
| Horace Gillis, | 216 32 | H. B. Tuttle, | 55 27 |
| James Woods, | 183 03 | Hiram Eaton, | 131 00 |
| " " | 33 45 | Sarah C. Curtis, | 1000 00 |
| Hannah E. Foster, | 313 00 | Laura F. Greeley, | 953 55 |
| W. W. Story, | 321 91 | John G. Flint, | 178 85 |
| Azubah Clark, | 157 50 | Chas. E. Lathe, | 327 45 |
| Hannah Clark, | 150 00 | Mark True, | 968 62 |
| John M. Wallace, | 1200 92 | " " | 861 00 |
| J. W. Perkins, | 104 00 | T. R. Twitchell, | 147 61 |
| C. C. Fisher, | 378 30 | E. D. Twitchell, | 117 90 |
| Chandler Boutelle, | 202 67 | J. W. Christie, | 683 86 |
| Whole amount, | | | $21,543 00 |

*Recapitulation.*

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|---|---|---|
| School Orders, | | 789 15 |
| Town orders, | | 2902 56 |
| Poor Farm Orders, | | 417 83 |
| Poor not on Farm, | | 223 53 |
| Notes Paid, | | 21543 00 |
| | | $25876 07 |
| Whole amount received, | 26648 88 | |
| Expenditures, | 25876 07 | |
| Remaining in Treasury, | | $772 81 |

*Finances of the Town.*

| NOTES DUE | | NOTES DUE. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| N. B. Herrick, | $528 91 | R. S. Chesmore, | 300 00 |
| J. K. Webster, | 125 00 | Amos Parmenter, | 300 00 |
| E. W. Esty, | 100 00 | John Dodge, | 400 00 |
| Mrs. C. H. Story, | 125 00 | Mark Simonds, | 125 00 |
| R. S. Chesmore, | 150 00 | James Wood, | 250 00 |
| C. E. Morrows, | 125 00 | Caroline Wilson, | 300 00 |
| C. H. Dodge, | 125 00 | H. S. True, | 100 00 |
| Samuel Wood, | 375 00 | Samuel Nay, | 100 00 |
| M. B. Woodbury, | 375 00 | James Beazly, | 300 00 |
| L. & J. B. Woodbury, | 500 00 | Dimon Twiss, | 100 00 |
| A. Fairfield, | 125 00 | Louisa H. Tenney, | 100 00 |
| Gilman Dunlap, | 125 00 | Mark True, | 400 00 |
| G. L. Herrick, | 100 00 | " " | 300 00 |
| A. A. Ramsey, | 125 00 | " " | 300 00 |
| Mary Moulton, | 100 00 | " " | 193 23 |
| James Wood, | 150 08 | " " | 226 76 |
| G. L. Herrick, | 100 00 | " " | 210 00 |
| L. T. Hastings, | 1000 00 | " " | 861 00 |
| D. M. Stacy, | 50 00 | " " | 968 62 |
| Mary D. Nesmith, | 100 00 | " " | 265 51 |
| Jeremiah Hills | 500 00 | James H. Hadley, | 125 00 |
| Langdon Swett, | 100 00 | Prescott Parmenter, | 25 00 |
| Wm. N. Tuttle, | 75 00 | S. N. Worthley, | 100 00 |
| James A. Tuttle, | 100 00 | James Woods, | 100 00 |
| T. S. Holmes, | 250 00 | Azubah Clark, | 50 00 |
| Alice Griffin, | 600 00 | Delia M. Sweetser, | 500 00 |
| Amos Parmenter, | 200 00 | Sarah A. Starrett, | 400 00 |
| Mary Christie, | 100 00 | David Starrett, | 750 00 |
| W. W. Story, | 100 00 | Wm. S. Foster, | 122 00 |
| W. M. Conn, | 700 00 | R. P. Saltmarsh, | 115 00 |
| I. W. Sweetser, | 400 00 | Amos Dodge, | 155 00 |
| Samuel Curtis, | 250 00 | Charles Tarbell, | 270 00 |
| Morris Christie, | 200 00 | B. F. Tenney, | 80 00 |
| M. B. Woodbury, | 250 00 | Morris Christie, | 100 00 |
| Hattie F. Parker, | 200 00 | W. W. Story, | 321 91 |
| Imla Wright, | 200 00 | Hannah E. Foster, | 313 00 |
| M. B. Woodbury, | 150 00 | Horace Parmenter, | 1000 00 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, | 100 00 | J. E. Hastings, | 100 00 |
| J. E. Hastings, | 450 00 | Sylvester Little, | 100 00 |
| J. W. Foster, | 200 00 | Horace Gillis, | 216 32 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Horace Gillis, | 500 00 | Nancy B. Muzzey, | 40 00 |
| Sylvester Little, | 200 00 | T. M. Paige, | 1135 00 |
| Hannah Clark, | 150 00 | Amos Corey, | 200 00 |
| Azubah Clark, | 157 50 | E. L. Vose, Ex. | 300 00 |
| Charles H Griffin, | 200 00 | E. L. Vose, | 119 10 |
| Samuel Dinsmoor, | 200 00 | E. Y. Hastings, | 100 00 |
| Mary Christie, | 683 86 | Asa Robinson, | 762 31 |
| Hiram Eaton, | 131 00 | Mehitable Twiss, | 100 00 |
| J. L. Worthley, 430 end.255, | 175 00 | H. B. Newman, | 200 00 |
| Sarah C. Curtis, | 1000 00 | Edmund Sawyer, | 100 00 |
| John S. Parmenter, | 50 00 | Caleb Clark, | 602 13 |
| Hannah O. Abbott, | 500 00 | Hiram Eaton, | 160 00 |
| Charles H. Tarbell, | 200 00 | Hiram Griffin, | 1000 00 |
| James Beazly, | 500 00 | A. A Ramsey, | 150 00 |
| Chas. F. Brown, | 175 00 | Morris Christie, | 146 00 |
| James Beazly, | 200 00 | N. B. Herrick, | 300 00 |
| E. L. Vose, Admr. | 200 00 | Interest unpaid, | 1800 00 |
| John H. Cleaves, | 220 00 | Nathan Stacy's salary, | 350 00 |

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| Amount of liabilities, | | | $33,679 24 |
| In Treasury, | 772 81 | | |
| State aid due, | 549 76 | | |
| Due from County, | 15 50 | —1338 07 | |
| Town Debt, | | | $32,341 17 |

EPHRAIM SIMONDS,
WM. N. TUTTLE, } Auditors.

Antrim, Feb. 23, 1866.

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

*Poor Farm. Dr.*

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| To various orders reported, | $417 83 |
| Nathan Stacy's salary, | 350 00 |
| Estimated interest on real estate, stock, tools, &c., | 140 00 |
| Stock, hay, grain and provisions on hand, Feb. 18, 1865, | 927 40 |
| Sundry articles paid for by Agent, | 41 41 |
| | $1876 64 |

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|---|---|---|
| Stock, | $470 50 | |
| Hay, grain and provisions, | 489 26 | |
| Horse sold, | 52 50 | |
| From Hiram Griffin, for support of Mary Griffin, | 25 00 | |
| Calves, hides, &c., sold by agent, | 27 07 | |
| Received for labor of Agent off of Farm, | 14 34 | |
| Due for Samuel Stacy's board, | 32 00 | |
| Making alterations in house, | 20 00 | 1130 67 |
| Balance, | | $745 97 |

*Cost of Poor not on Farm.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Various orders reported, | | 223 53 |
| Received from County | 37 25 | |
| Due from " | 15 50 | 52 75 |
| Cost of poor not on farm, | | $170 78 |
| Cost of poor on farm, | | 745 97 |
| Whole cost of poor, | | $916 75 |

Names of Paupers on the Farm: Betsey Swain, Reuben Butters, Leonard McAllister, Almira E. Tuttle, Mary Griffin,—Eliza Boutelle and two children were there six months.

WM. S. FOSTER,
EDWARD L. VOSE,
JAMES W. PERKINS,
} Overseers of Poor.

February 23, 1866.

# SCHOOL

AND

# FINANCIAL REPORTS,

OF THE

# Town of Nutrim,

RENDERED FEBRUARY, 1867.

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1867.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee has attended to his duties as well as he could, and respectfully submits the following REPORT:

## *Summer Terms.*

The less said about the most of them the better.

No. 1. AMORETT A. HOPKINS. A fair school. Hardly order and drill enough. Miss H. should never rest satisfied until she has has achieved a complete success. *She can do it.*

No. 2. HATTIE A. WILKINS. This teacher has good literary qualifications, and in a smaller school would doubtless succeed well. A few scholars made some progress, but there was no order, and for the most part the school did not amount to much.

No. 3. MARY F. KNOWLTON. An average, moderate sort of school. Nothing characteristic for a report. Discipline very good; progress fair.

No. 4. EMILY M. DUTTON. This school appeared well whenever visited. Miss D. is a good scholar, and only needs to learn the value of activity, *hard work*, in the school room, to make a prime teacher. The best looking register of the year.

No. 5. MARY HUNT. A teacher of hardly the stamina for a school like this. She seemed to be diligent, but more strength and force were necessary to secure good results.

No. 6. Martha J. Shattuck. } Two young and untried
No. 9. Mary F. Sawyer. } teachers, and two good schools for first efforts. The performance of the several classes in both, was excellent. Mary Richardson, in No. 6, gave, at examination, one of the best recitations in arithmetic that I ever heard. Both registers incomplete.*

No. 12. See Winter.

No. 13. Hannah B Woodbury. A backward school. The teacher was rather too slow and formal to make much impression upon it. She deserves credit for good order.

No. 14. Helen B. Curtice. Everything quiet, pleasant, faithful, progressive, as usual.

It will be seen that the teachers from our own town, were among the best we had. Others of them were laboring abroad, no doubt with equal success. Why not retain the services of all such at home?

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## *Winter Terms.*

No. 1. M. Emmie Emerson. Teacher conscientious, active, effective; a little too abrupt in manner, perhaps, but still one of the best we had. Most of the scholars learned well; if any did not, it could hardly have been the fault of the instructor.—Most, also, deserve commendation for good deportment. The best winter register.

No. 2. Alice M. Kingsbury. Another faithful teacher.—The school was in a sad state to begin with, but improved steadily through the term. Some lack of drill, though several classes appeared finely at examination—*spelling*, perhaps the best in town. Quite too much corporal punishment. Register incorrect.

No. 3. A. F. Howard. Never was such splendid material for a school more wretchedly handled. Either from pre-occupation in his legal studies, or from utter lack of skill, or both,

* All Registers correct unless otherwise noted.

the teacher failed almost entirely to accomplish anything. The faithfulness of the scholars would not admit of positively no progress, but to them be the credit. Order pretty good. Register very incomplete.

No. 4. M. J. Parker. One of our most pleasant schools, but needs a severe waking up. Instruction pretty good but fearfully slow and formal. Quite too many questions went unanswered at examination. In justice to the teacher it should be said that the unanimous judgment of the district is in direct opposition to mine—they were well satisfied. There are some good scholars here. Register inaccurate.

No. 5. Henry Gove. A peculiar but superior teacher. The term began quite too late and was badly interrupted by storms. It was well conducted, however, and the progress was fully as good as could have been expected. Register incomplete. The use of tobacco is not the example to be set by a teacher.

No. 7. Eliza H. Spalding. A conscientious, working teacher, and consequently a progressive school. Something should be done here to remedy an exceedingly cold, uncomfortable school-room floor. Register incomplete.

No. 8. Fannie H. Nesmith. A beginner, but bidding fair, with experience, to become an excellent teacher. School did all that was expected.

No. 9. L. Arvilla Curtice. A fall term; moderately successful but not up to the mark. When will teachers learn that drill, thoroughness, activity, *lightning*, are indispensable to a good school?

No. 10. Lizzie S. Tenney. The efforts of the teacher were in a good degree successful, and the pupils deserve credit for their studiousness. No school made more progress in reading.

No. 11. Dorothy M. Wilder. A ten miles' ride to this school, part of it floundering through snow-banks and forest, was amply repaid by the kind hospitalities received, and by the pleasant sight of some active, promising little children learning well.

No. 12. Lucretia M. Robinson, summer and winter. One of our best scholars and most faithful teachers. Under her care pupils who try, (and in this district all do,) cannot fail to learn. A little more of the much-vaunted *electricity*, and of the power to enforce order, would make Miss Robinson one of our very best instructors.

No. 13. Ellen F. Knight. No better teacher could have been found to bring to life this hitherto most inanimate of all our schools. She had a hard task and did it thoroughly. I never saw the school appear better than at my last visit. A term or two more of the same stamp will make it what it should be.

No. 14. C. W. Towne. No such thorough instruction in any other school. We cannot but hope that a teacher so eminently qualified for her work, may not much longer be debarred by ill health from more extended usefulness.

In addition to the above, very excellent fall schools were kept at the Branch and the Centre.

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## *Reform!*

Our schools are too pitifully short. An average of only thirteen weeks—two six-and-a-half weeks' terms—to each district annually. They cannot possibly accomplish much. With teachers' wages, board, and other expenses, much increased over former years, this evil must be a permanent one—must rather increase than diminish—unless some remedy be had. Intelligent men in all parts of the town, with whom I have conversed, are all agreed that something should at once be done. Shall we *talk* about it or do it? Two plans should be adopted immediately:

1. *To raise more school money.* Our present school tax is $722. Raise it to $1000—the least it ought to be—and present taxes will be increased only *seven cents* on a hundred dollars—70 cents for a man worth $1000. And yet this trifling increase would lengthen our schools *one-third.*

Many make an objection to paying anything for schools: "I have no children to send, no interest in the matter; it is nothing to me." It *is* something to *every* one, even in the narrowest pecuniary point of view, which such men only consider. Where there is ignorance there is always poverty and crime, which all alike are taxed to support. Where there is education there is intelligence, industry, thrift, contributing to the prosperity of all. Gentlemen, who "have no interest in the matter," *blot the schools of this town from existence*, and what would your property, your farms here, be worth? where would purchasers come from, into any such community? Yes, *every man* who owns property, *has* an interest in this matter — an interest directly proportional to the amount of his wealth. No investment gives such large returns, even in a pecuniary point of view, as the tax that provides for a liberal support of our schools.

2. *To diminish the number of districts. Little schools:* five in town of six scholars or less. Sheer nonsense! Put them together and build them up! Nobody should object to being a mile or two from school, if the school is thereby benefitted. Pupils who go some distance are generally the most prompt and punctual, and the best scholars. Up in the morning, to "do the chores," and pushing through snow-drifts a mile or two to the school-house, rouse a spirit of energy and resolution in the boy that carries him to the head of his class, and clings to him through life. It is just such items in New England education, that put the Yankee in the van of progress everywhere. It is not a great evil to live far from school.

The plan of re-districting which I would propose, is briefly this: Unite Districts 1 and 13, 2 and 12, 8 and 10,—a few families in 2 would have to go to 1 and 10, and a few in 1 to 2. Break up districts 5 and 6, setting the former to 3, 9, and 10, and the latter to 4 and 14. Only one removal of school-house would be required—from the Centre to Clinton; perhaps, also, one in No. 9. No other changes would be needed for a while, if at all. Very few families in the aggregate would be farther from school than at present. Such is the simple, inexpensive plan of reducing our schools from *fourteen* to *nine*; diminishing, at a single stroke, the expenses of visiting schools, of board, fuel, repairs of houses, &c., more than *one-third;* and permanently, and without lasting expense, lengthening our terms almost *one-half.* Add

this gain to that of the increased tax, and our schools *begin* to have a look of efficiency,—as will be seen by the following table, showing their annual length now,and about what it would be after the proposed changes. (The figures of some of the smaller districts would be diminished nearly one-half, if they should not give the board.)

| Dist. | Weeks now. | After the change. | Dist. | Weeks now. | After the change. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 15 | 49 | 9 | 15 | 37 |
| 2 | 16½ | 30 | 10 | 9 | 29 |
| 3 | 16 | 25 | 11 | 7 | 9 |
| 4 | 16 | 24 | 14 | 12 | 32 |
| 7 | 9 | 12 | | | |

247 weeks of school where now are only 115! Argument cannot be necessary. It would seem as if no thoughtful man, whose supreme devotion to self has not rendered entirely oblivious to the good of community, could be found to oppose, in the main, a measure promising such important benefits—*and for his own children, too*—at so trifling an expense.

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## *Qualifications of Teachers.*

A delicate subject, yet about time that the truth were more generally known. The simple legal qualifications — ability to "teach correctly, reading, writing, spelling, English grammar, arithmetic, and the rudiments of geography and history"—are so seldom found, that committees everywhere have been forced to leave the letter of the law, and give certificates, not to teachers legally qualified, but qualified "as well as the average." This is wrong, but any other course would shut up half our schoolhouses. For look at it: of the teachers examined the past year, (and the others wouldn't do much better,) none could parse all the simple sentence: "I saw him give the boy a dollar near the store last week;" few knew anything about the all-important rules of spelling; and *not one* succeeded in spelling correctly a list of 20 common words! Some curious facts were elicited:

"The Hudson river runs east"—"The Potomac flows into the Gulf of Mexico"—"The largest city in the U. S. is Washington"—"Paris is on the Po," and so on. Careless language in school,—"You was," "Set still there," "5 and 4 is 9;" and low and colloquial phrases, have been heard quite too often.

Correct pronunciation does not seem to be worth a thought. A hundred common words, as, design, suggest, suite, squirrel, Asia, Indies, are miscalled every time. Geographical names receive especial torture. E*rie*, Hu*ron*, Mizzoorah, Chicahgo, Wor-ces-ter, Con-cord, Brayzil, Brahzil, Brawzil, Brass-eel, and scores besides. Examinations do not always tell. A teacher who answered among the best, within ten minutes after I entered the school, told a class to pronounce orang-outang, *o* rang-*ow*tang, crouch, *crooch*, and cougar, cowjer; and at close of term, sent me a note which, to say nothing of punctuation, contained at least *six* gross blunders in four MS lines!

But the worst is the spelling. Mistakes like the above may find some excuse; bad spelling, never. Yet the teachers generally acknowledged that they were most deficient in this of anything. I should think so! A note from an irate school ma'am, blowing up the poor committee man for "unkindness," "injustice," and "ungentlemanliness," generally, has some marvelous freaks of syntax, and four misspelled words. In the registers are Hellen, Josephene, tableaus, declimation, schollars, unabriged, primmer, pronounsing. The examination papers show the following: Inflamation, sycafant, seive, sieze, beginer, benefitting, changable, changeible, pityable, pitiing, extrordinary, homopathist, homeaopathist, homophathist, homeothapist, "homa—"! monies, monyes, monnies, moneyes, moneies!!

Isn't it about time to go to studying the spelling-book! All examinations of teachers should begin with spelling, and if the candidate be not found nearly perfect in it, should end where it began.

Not, by any means, should it be thought, from all this, that our teachers are a set of ignorant impostors. Far otherwise. I doubt if many towns in the state, the past winter, had better. Several of them are good scholars and excellent teachers, and should, *by all means*, be employed in town again. But the point to be impressed—and upon teachers as well as the rest—is, that the standard of our scholarship is too disgracefully low. For our

own credit's sake, as teachers, we should bring it up. Never till it is much elevated can great things be expected of our schools. It never will be much elevated till people demand and *pay for* something better. Lengthen our schools as has been suggested, so that *good* teachers can find some inducements to engage in them; then demand superior scholarship and there will be no difficulty in obtaining it.

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## *Proper Text-Books*

Are of more importauce than most people imagine. Scholars are crowded ahead altogether too fast. Brown's small Grammar, *Colburn*, and the SPELLING-BOOK, are worth all the rest of our books together. Add a Bible to read in, and a Geography, and I verily believe we should have far better scholars than we now do, with all our *osophies* and things. Keep the children back till they master their elementary books! Fifth Readers, Algebras, and *ologies*, make more dunderpates than anything else—make exactly such scholarship, in fact, as we have just been criticizing. Students neither learn them nor anything else. If you want your boy a good scholar, keep him out of these things till he is master of his spelling-book at least.

The National Arithmetic deserves a point of admiration here, for certainly a more unmitigated and intolerable nuisance never afflicted common schools. If scholars must study Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Conic Sections, let them; but in the name of all the decencies, don't let them take all combined, with the Natural Philosophy, Physiology, Commercial Law, puzzles, and quirks, that go to constitute this same National Arithmetic. Greenleaf's "Intellectual" is about on a par with the other.—Both have been prohibited here for years, and no parent should ever allow his child to use either in our district schools. Greenleaf's *Primary*, Colburn's and the Common School, are all that our scholars can master, more than most of them ever do. We are a ciphering people. Mathematics receives an attention, in our schools, altogether beyond its relative importance. The result is, that of History, of the nature of things about us, of the

laws and workings of our own physical systems even, we grow up almost as ignorant as children. Hundreds of the graduates of our schools and academies, who can demonstrate marvelous theories and propositions, cannot for their lives write two connected pages of decent English. Is not this all wrong? Does such a one-sided system deserve even the name of education? Parents should see to it that their children take up all the branches of study in due proportion. One study in particular, in a government like ours, should always be carefully and thoroughly pursued by all—and that is, the almost utterly neglected one of History. There should be classes in it, both primary and advanced, in every school, just as much as in Arithmetic and Geography.

There is pressing need of changes in some of our text-books, particularly in readers and spellers. Whenever the change is made, it should be done by all *at once;* for a multiplicity of books is worse than poor ones.

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## *Prudential Committees.*

I had thought of saying something on this quiet but most laborious class of our fellow citizens, but conclude I had better not. Only two visited their summer schools, and they but once each. In the winter it was only less bad, but, mark it, *one man* did attend to his business! With the others, no care as to whether their teachers were earning their money or not, no stirring up of teacher and scholars to duty, no earnest efforts to increase the usefulness of their schools. Indifference, carelessness, apathy. Yet all took a solemn *oath* to do their duty "according to the best of their *abilities*." If the oath was inviolate what must we infer in regard to those other things?

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## *A Few Hints.*

Superintending Committees, every year, have to labor through a mass of most vexatious ciphering, to correct the mistakes and omissions in teachers' registers. The law provides that no teach-

er shall receive pay till his report has been correctly made ; and it ought to be fixed in this town, as it is in many, that the Town Treasurer shall pay no moneys to Agents without a certificate from the Superintendent that the law has been complied with. Teachers who shirk thus, could not complain if their wages were not immediately forthcoming.

Schools should begin earlier in the season. A week of study in the cool days, the first of May, is worth two the first of July. Neither teacher nor scholars can do much in the hot, sultry days of midsummer. Besides, the labor of the larger scholars is worth vastly more in haying than before planting. Summer terms should begin the last of April, as soon as the going will permit: winter terms early in November at latest, to avoid the deep snows.

Earlier notice of the commencement and close of schools, should be given to the S. S. Committee. It is often very inconvenient, at a day's notice, to arrange other business so as to visit a school; and where several schools close the same day, some previous appointments must be made to prevent confusion and disappointment. *Ten days'* notice, at least, should always be given, and *Agents*, not teachers, should attend to the matter.

Teachers should never be required to work Saturdays, for the reason that no faithful teacher can keep up, through a term, the high *mental tension* required, without at least one working day a week for rest and relaxation. It is the universal testimony of teachers, that children learn as much in a week of five days as of six, because of the increased vigor that Saturday's recreation affords.

There is not a decent chair in any school-room in town, except No. 9. Good teachers do not very often sit much; but when they do they want rest, and four-legged stools do not give it. A good office chair should be beside every desk. Hitching posts, also, ought to be provided at every school house. It is not always convenient tying to fence or stone wall.

A wise statute of our Fathers, still in force, makes it the duty of instructors of the young "diligently to impress upon their minds the principles of piety and justice, a sacred regard to truth, love of country, humanity and benevolence ; sobriety, industry, and frugality; chastity, moderation, and temperance ; and all the virtues which are the ornament and support of hu-

man society; and to endeavor to lead them into a particular understanding of the tendency of all such virtues to preserve and perfect a republican form of government, to secure the blessings of liberty, and to promote their future happiness,—and the tendency of the opposite vices to degradation, ruin and slavery." Would it not be well for our schools, and for community in general, if, in the education of our young, more pains were taken to procure tried, earnest teachers, whose lives and labors are known to be in accordance with the lofty spirit of this noble law?

JAMES E. VOSE, S. S. COMMITTEE.

Antrim, Feb. 22, 1867.

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ERRATUM.—On page 7, nineteenth line, the word "benefitted," should read "benefited," according to copy.

# SCHOOL STATISTICS.

## *Summer Term.*

| Dist. | Length. | No. of Scholars. | Average. | Tardiness. | No. of Visits by S. S. Com'e. | Pru. Com'e. | Citizens. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 8 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 18 |
| 2 | 8 | 38 | 36 1/3 | 20 | 6 | 1 | 40 |
| 3 | 7 | 32 | 30 | 17 | 3 | | 22 |
| 4 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 3 | | 18 |
| 5 | 6 | 24 | 21 | 16 | 3 | | 32 |
| 6 | 9 | 9 | 9 | | 2 | | 20 |
| 7 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 6 | 11 | 10 1/3 | 1 | 2 | | 13 |
| 10 | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 6 | 6 | 5 1/2 | 1 | 1 | | 16 |
| 13 | 10 | 19 | 17 1/4 | 57 | 3 | | 27 |
| 14 | 6 | 7 | 6 1/4 | 7 | 2 | | 13 |
| Total: | 74 | 181 | 169 | 152 | 28 | 2 | 219 |

## *Winter Term.*

| Dist. | Lgt'h | No. Sch'lrs | Average. | Tardiness. | Visits by S. S. Com | Pr. Com | Citizens. | No. of Scholars in District. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 7 | 36 | 34 | 73 | 4 | 4 | 33 | 37 |
| 2 | 8 1/2 | 44 | 38 | 83 | 6 | 2 | 44 | 48 |
| 3 | 9 | 36 | 31 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 42 |
| 4 | 8 | 18 | 16 2/3 | 5 | 2 | | 19 | 19 |
| 5 | 6 | 19 | 17 | 20 | 2 | 1 | | 32 |
| 6 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 38 | 10 |
| 7 | 9 | 18 | 14 3/4 | 25 | 3 | | 27 | 13 |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | | | 2 |
| 9 | 9 | 18 | 14 | 26 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 19 |
| 10 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 2 |
| 11 | 7 | 3 | 3 | | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| 12 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | | 15 | 7 |
| 13 | 9 | 21 | 20 | 22 | 4 | | 20 | 30 |
| 14 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | | 4 | 9 |
| T. | 112 1/2 | 245 | 215 | 300 | 40 | 12 | 252 | 273 |

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

*For the year ending Feb.* 20, 1867.

The amount of Tax-list committed to Harvey Stacy for collection was $8124 33. Paid as follows :

| | |
|---|---|
| State tax, | $2707 50 |
| County tax, | 668 10 |
| Sundry receipts from treasurer, | 4720 09 |
| Non-resident highway tax wrought out, | 28 64 |
| | $8124 33 |

The auditors charge the selectmen with cash to the amount of $4833 90

And credit the selectmen as follows :

| | |
|---|---|
| By sundry receipts from the treasurer, | $4833 90 |

*Receipts into the Treasury.*

| | |
|---|---|
| From treasurer, 1865, | $772 81 |
| Selectmen, | 4833 90 |
| J. S. Atwood, | 5 00 |
| David Case, | 7 40 |
| County, | 46 25 |
| Overseer of the poor, | 250 00 |
| Literary fund, | 41 40 |
| Savings bank tax, | 187 33 |
| State aid, 1865, | 272 01 |
| United States bounty, | 960 00 |
| Collector, | 4720 09 |
| Heirs of James Steele, | 4 00 |
| | $12100 19 |

Paid out as follows :

*School Orders.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| District No. | 1, D. H. Goodell, | $73 41 |
| " | 2, Mark True, | 108 31 |
| " | 3, H. B. McIlvin, | 108 74 |
| " | 4, Charles Appleton, | 70 11 |
| " | 5, Josiah Loveren, | 42 96 |
| " | 6, A. R. Barker, | 31 79 |
| " | 7, S. O. Marshall, | 34 53 |
| " | 8, T. S. Worthley, | 26 16 |
| " | 9, N. B. Herrick, | 24 33 |
| " | 10, A. Brown, | 22 86 |
| " | 12, Harvey Stacy, | 44 51 |
| " | 13, P. W. Clark, | 106 07 |
| " | 14, I. M. Tuttle, | 18 17 |
| " | 15, Charles Flint, | 5 75 |
| | | $717 70 |

*Breaking Roads.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Alvin R. Barker, | $40 94 |
| Chester A. Conn, | 40 65 |
| Dustin Barrett, | 30 67 |
| T. D. Twiss, | 21 37 |
| Caleb Clark, | 27 00 |
| Jesse Combs, | 23 92 |
| S. A. Holt, | 13 35 |
| N. B. Herrick, | 4 44 |
| A. Brown, | 15 00 |
| Leander Smith, | 20 25 |
| Daniel Simonds, | 14 55 |
| Wm. Stacy, | 27 02 |
| G. M. Kittredge, | 32 30 |
| Wm. R. Carr, | 20 10 |
| James Balch, | 30 80 |
| R. H. Colby, | 12 63 |
| David Hills, | 8 10 |
| William White, | 24 71 |
| Jonas White, | 14 03 |
| James Boyd, | 19 90 |
| Imla Wright, | 31 50 |
| John Duncan, | 56 43 |
| Andrew Cochran, | 33 09 |
| J. C. Butterfield, | 24 52 |
| Charles Appleton, | 23 75 |
| G. W. Eaton, | 12 05 |
| Harvey Stacy, | 35 81 |
| M. B. McIlvin, | 24 12 |
| Franklin Perry, | 38 85 |
| | $721 85 |

## *Town Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Luther T. Hasting, endorsement on note, | $80 00 |
| H. D. Barker, labor on Forest Road, | 5 00 |
| J. D. Mathews, " " " | 8 75 |
| Sam'l Nay, interest on note, | 19 10 |
| Sam'l A. Holt, setting cions, | 8 00 |
| W. B. Whittemore, for insurance, | 16 21 |
| N. H. Tyrrel, labor on Forest Road, | 2 00 |
| W. M. Conn, endorsement on note, | 150 00 |
| Jesse Combs, labor on bridge, | 12 00 |
| B. F. Duncklee, iron work for bridge, | 48 52 |
| T. D. Twiss, sexton, | 1 75 |
| H. B. Tuttle, overtax, | 1 64 |
| E. W. Estey, endorsed on note, | 50 00 |
| Delia M. Sweetser, interest on note, | 61 80 |
| John L. Worthley, endorsed on note, | 10 00 |
| G. W. Kittredge, repairing bridge and road, | 7 08 |
| D. H. Goodell, plank for bridge, | 13 00 |
| Eben Bass, labor on bridge, | 8 38 |
| J. D. Mathews, labor on Forest Road, | 2 25 |
| Nathan Stacy, endorsed on note, | 55 00 |
| D. W. Sanborn, stationery, | 4 40 |
| E. L. Vose, repairing Forest Road, | 39 25 |
| Wm. Duncan, labor on turnpike, | 12 00 |
| L. H. Tenney, interest on note, | 6 00 |
| C. M. Flint, plank, | 5 00 |
| Jeremiah Hills, interest on note, | 25 70 |
| Enos Webster, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| H. M. Barker, sheep damage, | 25 00 |
| A. R. Barker, " " | 25 00 |
| Farnum & Scott, printing reports, | 20 00 |
| James Bazley, interest on note, | 24 48 |
| C. F. Brown, endorsed on note, | 75 00 |
| E. W. Estey, interest on note, | 26 24 |
| J. H. Cleaves, " " | 13 20 |
| Polly Worthley, overtax, 1865, | 3 10 |
| S. C. Curtis, interest on note, | 60 00 |
| J. L. Worthley, endorsed on note, | 10 00 |
| H. Parmenter, interest, | 60 00 |
| L. C. Curtis, repairing road, | 90 |
| L. M. Wilkins, stone for bridge, 1865, | 10 00 |
| H. M. Barker, repairing road, | 75 |
| E. Sawyer, iron work for bridge | 2 82 |
| M. B. McIlvin, cutting bushes, | 13 24 |
| " sexton, | 8 00 |
| " repairing roads, | 5 50 |
| J. E. Vose, services S. S. Committee, | 50 00 |
| " town clerk, | 15 00 |
| A. Fairfield, use of room, | 1 00 |
| W. B. Curtis, labor on bridge, | 5 00 |
| " watering trough, | 3 00 |
| A. Fairfield, printing, | 50 |
| " nails for bridge, | 3 76 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Benjamin Kidder, stone for bridge, | 2 50 |
| Dustin Barrett, lumber for bridge, | 1 00 |
| " grading road, | 3 00 |
| Nathan Stacy, salary, 1865, | 350 00 |
| Franklin Robinson, tax on horse lost, | 98 |
| J. S. Parmenter, dead dog, | 1 00 |
| " sexton, | 15 00 |
| N. B. Herrick, repairing Keene road, | 30 35 |
| Enos Webster, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| W. R. Carr, work on bridge, | 18 00 |
| G. W. Kittredge, labor on road and bridge, | 4 34 |
| O. K. Carr, work on bridge, | 16 00 |
| James Wood, " " | 15 00 |
| James T. Balch, plank, | 1 17 |
| J. B. Woodbury, nails for bridge, | 1 24 |
| A. R. Barker, powder, | 1 12 |
| David Hills, plank, | 4 57 |
| E. F. Gould, work on turnpike, | 5 00 |
| H. L. White, repairing road and plank, | 7 30 |
| Wm. White, " " " | 2 50 |
| Louisa Tenney, interest, | 6 00 |
| M. Twiss, " | 6 00 |
| E. L. Vose, labor, powder, &c., on turnpike, | 4 75 |
| I. M. Tuttle, labor and board on bridge, | 51 31 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, sexton, | 10 75 |
| R. P. Whittemore, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| C. Appleton, labor on turnpike, | 6 00 |
| Mary Nesmith, overtax, | 3 28 |
| G. F. Parmenter, dead dog, | 1 00 |
| E. L. Vose, paid printing orders, | 2 00 |
| " care of town house, | 5 00 |
| " Mrs. David Boutelle, fare to Nashua, 1865, | 2 00 |
| W. S. Foster, building bridge, | 23 32 |
| " services as selectman, | 63 00 |
| " stationery, freight, &c., | 6 47 |
| James Boyd, town treasurer, | 35 00 |
| H. Stacy, collector, | 70 00 |
| David Steele, overtax, | 3 61 |
| E. L. Vose, services selectman, | 55 50 |
| Alex. Jameson heirs, overtax, | 6 56 |
| John A. Robb, " | 3 00 |
| H. Stacy, drawback on tax-list, | 43 34 |
| E. L. Vose, getting reports printed, | 1 50 |
| S. G. Wallace, road damage, | 2 50 |
| G. G. Hutchinson, abatement of tax on property lost by fire, | 6 00 |
| J. W. Perkins, services selectman, | 34 00 |
| H. Stacy, use hall, | 3 00 |
| Wm. N. Tuttle, auditor, | 6 00 |
| E. Simonds, " | 6 00 |
| T. S. Worthley, school money, 1865, | 18 52 |
| | $2088 78 |

## *Poor Farm Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| S. G. Wallace, meat, | $14 38 |
| J. W. Perkins, overseer, | 10 75 |
| Luke Thompson, sap boiler, &c., | 17 14 |
| J. W. Perkins, stock for poor farm, | 66 00 |
| " pigs " | 8 00 |
| Nathan Stacy, goods " | 20 00 |
| J. W. Perkins, barley " | 3 00 |
| H. A. Rogers, oxen " | 200 00 |
| John A. Robb, sap buckets, | 24 42 |
| L. M. Wilkins, shoe work, | 1 25 |
| Edmund Sawyer, smith work, | 7 39 |
| A. Fairfield, goods, | 71 35 |
| James Boyd, pasturing oxen, | 75 |
| J. B. Woodbury, goods, | 248 25 |
| L. Thompson, work soldering, | 1 17 |
| Nathan Stacy, balance on settlement, | 80 |
| N. W. C. Jameson, sawing lumber, | 2 41 |
| Morris Christie, medical aid, bitters, | 3 50 |
| J. W. Perkins, cash shoeing oxen, | 1 12 |
| Isaac Baldwin, pasturing oxen, | 7 50 |
| C. C. Champney, washing machine, | 3 75 |
| | $712 93 |

## *Poor not on Farm.*

| | |
|---|---|
| J. R. Abbott & Co., coffin for James Ried, | $6 50 |
| Nath'l Philbrick, care Mrs. Brooks, | 10 00 |
| J. W. Perkins, school book for Case children, | 55 |
| M. R. Atwood, care Mrs. Brooks, | 1 00 |
| J. R. Abbott & Co., coffin, robe &c., Mrs. Brooks, | 5 50 |
| W. B. McIlvin, aid Mary Nesmith, | 16 66 |
| A. Fairfield, aid Mrs. Brooks, | 8 00 |
| " " J. S. Atwood, | 4 37 |
| " " Mrs. Case, | 5 00 |
| L. S. Curtis, wood for Atwood, | 3 00 |
| J. R. Abbott & Co., coffin, rope, &c., for Dan Dunlap, | 8 50 |
| John B. Woodbury, aid for D. Dunlap, | 35 49 |
| Morris Christie, medical aid De Rush, | 5 00 |
| | $109 57 |

## *Notes Paid.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Charles F. Brown, | $107 19 |
| A. A. Ramsey, | 159 91 |
| " | 157 42 |
| T. M. Paige, | 1203 10 |
| M. J. Story, | 157 80 |
| James Bazley, | 300 00 |
| W. W. Story, | 110 77 |

| | |
|---|---|
| David Starrett, | 798 18 |
| B. F. Tenney, | 85 70 |
| R. S. Chesmore, | 163 08 |
| S. N. Worthley, | 104 63 |
| J. S. Parmenter, | 52 34 |
| Amos Dodge, | 168 90 |
| E. L. Vose, adm'r, | 218 67 |
| " exec'r, | 211 80 |
| " " | 128 51 |
| " " | 330 24 |
| Amos Parmenter, | 231 46 |
| " | 360 87 |
| Enos Webster, | 522 33 |
| | $5572 90 |

*Recapitulation.*

| | |
|---|---|
| School orders, | $717 70 |
| Breaking roads, | 721 85 |
| Town Orders, | 2088 78 |
| Poor farm orders, | 712 93 |
| Poor not on farm, | 109 57 |
| Notes paid, | 5572 90 |
| | $9923 73 |
| Received, | $12100 19 |
| Expenditures, | 9923 73 |
| Remaining in treasury. | $2176 46 |

*Finances of the Town.*

| NOTES DUE. | | NOTES DUE. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| N. B. Herrick, | $528 91 | L. D. Hastings, | 1000 00 |
| J. K. Webster, | 125 00 | D. M. Stacy, | 50 00 |
| E. W. Estey, | 100 00 | Mary D. Nesmith, | 100 00 |
| C. E. Morrows, | 125 00 | J. Hills, 500, end. 100, | 400 00 |
| C. H. Dodge, | 125 00 | Langon Swett, | 100 00 |
| Sam'l Wood, | 375 00 | Wm. N. Tuttle, | 75 00 |
| W. B. Woodbury, | 375 00 | J. A. Tuttle, | 100 00 |
| L. & J. B. Woodbury, | 500 00 | Thos. S. Holmes, | 250 00 |
| A. Fairfield, | 125 00 | Alice Griffin, | 600 00 |
| Gilman Dunlap, | 125 00 | Mary Christie, | 100 00 |
| G. L. Herrick, | 100 00 | Wm. M. Conn, 700, end. 150, | 550 00 |
| Mary Moulton, | 100 00 | I. W. Sweetser, | 400 00 |
| James Woods, | 125 00 | Samuel Curtis, | 250 00 |
| G. L. Herrick, | 100 00 | Morris Christie, | 200 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| M. B. Woodbury, | 250 00 | Horace Gillis, | 216 32 |
| Hattie F. Parker, | 200 00 | " | 500 00 |
| Imla Wright, | 200 00 | Sylvester Little, | 200 00 |
| M. B. Woodbury, | 150 00 | Hannah Clark, | 150 00 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, | 100 00 | Azubah Clark, | 157 50 |
| J. E. Hastings, | 450 00 | C. H. Griffin, | 200 00 |
| J. W. Foster, | 200 00 | Sam'l Dinsmore, | 200 00 |
| R. S. Chesmore, | 300 00 | Mary Christie, | 683 86 |
| John Dodge, | 400 00 | John L. Worthley, | 175 00 |
| Mark Simonds, | 125 00 | Sarah C. Curtis, | 1000 00 |
| James Wood, | 250 00 | Hannah O. Abbott, | 500 00 |
| Caroline Wilson, | 300 00 | C. H. Tarbell, | 200 00 |
| H. S. True, | 100 00 | James Bazley, | 500 00 |
| Samuel Nay, | 100 00 | " | 200 00 |
| Dimon Twiss, | 100 00 | J. H. Cleaves, | 220 00 |
| L. H. Tenney, | 100 00 | Nancy B. Muzzey, | 40 00 |
| Mark True, | 400 00 | Amos Corey, | 200 00 |
| " | 300 00 | E. Z. Hastings, | 100 00 |
| " | 300 00 | Asa Robinson, | 762 31 |
| " | 193 23 | Mehitable Twiss, | 100 00 |
| " | 226 76 | H. B. Newman, | 200 00 |
| " | 210 00 | Edmond Sawyer, | 100 00 |
| " | 861 00 | Caleb Clark, | 602 13 |
| " | 968 62 | Hiram Eaton, | 160 00 |
| " | 265 51 | Hiram Griffin, | 1000 00 |
| James H. Hadley, | 125 00 | Morris Christie, | 146 00 |
| Prescott Parmenter, | 25 00 | N. B. Herrick, | 300 00 |
| James Wood, | 100 00 | E. Sawyer, | 400 00 |
| Azubah Clark, | 50 00 | N. D. Butterfield, | 200 00 |
| Delia M. Sweetser, | 500 00 | Nathan Stacy, 156, end. 55, | 101 00 |
| Sarah A. Starrett, | 400 00 | Thos. Thompson, | 50 00 |
| Wm. S. Foster, | 122 00 | Hannah O. Abbott, | 500 00 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, | 115 00 | R. P. Saltmarsh, | 400 00 |
| Charles Tarbell, | 270 00 | Chauncey White, | 100 00 |
| Morris Christie, | 100 00 | M. J. Story, | 157 80 |
| Wm. W. Story, | 321 91 | James Bazley, | 300 00 |
| Hannah E. Foster, | 313 00 | Hannah Clark, | 100 00 |
| Horace Parmenter, | 1000 00 | Helen P. Ramsey, | 523 00 |
| J. E. Hastings, | 100 00 | T. M. Paige, | 1203 10 |
| Sylvester Little, | 100 00 | Alice Griffin, | 60 00 |
| Interest unpaid, | | | 3000 00 |
| Outstanding debts, | | | 164 00 |
| Nathan Stacy's salary, | | | 350 00 |
| Amount of liabilities, | | | $34216 00 |
| In the treasury, | | | 2176 46 |
| Town debt, | | | $32040 50 |

EPHRAIM SIMONDS,
WILLIAM N. TUTTLE. } Auditors.

February 20, 1867.

# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

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*Poor Farm Dr.*

| | |
|---|---|
| To various orders reported, | $712 93 |
| Nathan Stacy's salary, | 350 00 |
| Estimated interest on real estate, stock, tools, &c., | 140 00 |
| Stock, hay, grain and provisions on hand Feb. 14, 1866, | 927 40 |
| Sundry articles paid for by agent, | 49 09 |
| | $2179 42 |

*Poor Farm Cr.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stock, | $510 00 | |
| Hay, grain and and provisions, | 676 00 | |
| Oxen sold, | 250 00 | |
| Sundry articles sold, | 37 22 | |
| Received for labor of agent off the farm, | 11 87 | |
| Due for Samuel Stacy's board, | 78 75 | |
| Sugar utensils, | 40 00 | $1603 84 |
| Balance, | | $575 58 |
| Cost of poor not on farm, | | 109 57 |
| Received from county, | | 46 25 |
| Cost of poor not on farm, | | $63 32 |
| Cost of poor on farm, | | 575 58 |
| Whole cost of poor, | | $638 90 |

*Names of Paupers on the Farm.*

Betsey Swain, Reuben Butters, Leonard McAllister, Almira E. Tuttle, Mary Griffin.

JAMES W. PERKINS, Overseer of the Poor.

# SCHOOL

AND

# FINANCIAL REPORTS,

OF THE

# TOWN OF ANTRIM,

For the year ending February,

1868.

PETERBORO':
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1868.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

## *Summer Terms.*

It is a pleasure to be able to report a great improvement in the schools this summer over those of last. No failures occurred, while generally the successes were decided and gratifying. The discipline was especially commendable, but few instances of play being noticed by the committee at any of his visits, while in Nos. 3, 4, 6, 9, and 12, he was told that hardly a case of whispering occurred during their entire terms. All this is accomplishing a great deal—let faithful teachers and scholars have the praise. If, in one or two instances, the record is not quite pleasing, I can only regret that greater care was not taken by those concerned to have something better to record.

No. 1. Jennie M. Nesmith. This being the first term after the union of Nos. 1 and 13, but little more could be done than to harmonize the very dissimilar classes and get things in trim for future progress. No teacher labored harder or more conscientiously, and it is to be regretted that the anomalous condition of the school, and some peculiarities of teaching, prevented her labors from showing as they might otherwise have done. A more rigid system, less prompting by the teacher, and fewer interruptions during recitations, would have been improvements. *Three times as many tardy marks as in all the other schools combined!*

No. 2. Ellen F. Knight. This school accomplished but little; partly because the teacher "did not expect to teach again,"

partly because three or four little boys tried to see how roguish they could be; but chiefly because too many of the parents do not attend properly to the conduct of their children abroad as well as at home,—this last evil, unfortunately, is not confined entirely to No. 2. By strenuous exertions the teacher succeeded, toward the last, in bringing some order out of the chaos, and had she exerted her strength at commencement, the school might have been a good one. Can it be that the people of this district, by their apathy and neglect, will allow their school to relapse into the place some time ago vacated by No. 13, as the most ungovernable, backward, and worthless in town? Certainly it is making rapid strides in that direction.

No. 3. Serena P. Whitney. A good school,—the best. Where parents, teacher, and scholars all work together in harmony, there is no difficulty in securing good results. To bring and keep all thus in harmony, however, is one of the highest results of teacher art, which few know so well how to accomplish as Miss Whitney. Though a little too much given to forms perhaps, to suit some, yet she has ever shown herself one of our most skillful and successful teachers, and prudential committees can hardly do better than to secure her services when possible.

No. 4. Mary F. Sawyer. Another good school. In no other examination were so many questions answered by so few scholars and with so few mistakes. The great beauty of Miss Sawyer's teaching is *thoroughness*. The mistake she is likely to make is too close confinement to text-books. But this last is the fault of most of our teachers,—scholars are not taught to investigate and think for themselves, and the moment they cut loose from their books they are lost. By all means Miss Sawyer should have a chance to try her strength in a larger school.

No. 5. Amorett A. Hopkins. There was more whispering here than in most of the schools. Still the appearance was otherwise good, and the term seemed to be a profitable one. The patience and success of the teacher with some scholars who have heretofore been sadly neglected, cannot be too highly commended.

No. 6. Fannie F. Nesmith. A teacher—active, intelligent, energetic,—who knows how to make her work tell. The district seemed well satisfied with her efforts,—the committee certainly was. Misses Richardson and Marshall gave a fine exhibition in arithmetic at close of term, reciting seemingly half the book without question or mistake. But scholars should remember that it is not the power to repeat *words*, but the ability to investigate for one's self, to solve problems, to unfold principles to the understanding of others, that is the true test of scholarship.

No. 9. Laura G. Griffin. A pleasant little school, apparently satisfactory to most of its patrons. All teachers have to learn their trade, and Miss Griffin is not an exception to the rule; but with experience, and much more energy of method, it is to be hoped she will abundantly succeed.

No. 12. Nettie Little. Parents and scholars in this district always do their part. The teacher was very careful and diligent to do hers. The progress was commendable, but more enthusiasm would have increased it considerably. Much enthusiasm, however, is almost an impossibility in schools of six scholars or classes of one or two.

Expecting soon to leave town, I resign my charge, leaving any general remarks to be made by my successor, and not doubting but that, under abler superintendence, the schools in winter will show a marked improvement over those of the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. VOSE, S. S. Committee.

Antrim, July 20th, 1867.

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## *Winter Schools.*

No. 1 Grammar School. Etta F. Gage. Miss Gage though an entire stranger to us at the commencement of the school, soon gained the entire confidence of both scholars and parents, and therefore could scarcely fail of success. Without any apparent effort she had complete control of the school, and

the order was almost perfect; a thing rather new, I conclude, to school house where she taught. Her instruction was very exact and positive, and the progress of the scholars was beyond all precedent in this district.

No. 1. Primary Department. M. Emmie Emerson. Although this teacher was well known and had taught the Winter school in this school house, successfully in 1866–7, yet there was much interest to know how she would adapt herself to the new order of things, and instruct and amuse "little folks." She soon proved herself "mistress of the situation." She performed her part as both teacher and nurse in a most admirable manner. All agree, I believe, that the children learned nearly if not quite double what they ever learned in any winter term before.

No 2. John H. Farnsworth. A faithful, earnest, and industrious teacher, but failed to gain the sympathy and co-operation of his pupils and their parents. He probably needed a little more firmness and resolution to have complete success in this school.

No. 3. Henry Gove. This district can boast of some of the best scholars in town. The teacher is a young man of great energy and efficiency and inspired his pupils with no small degree of enthusiasm. The calling of the roll and noting tardiness after a portion of the forenoon exercises are passed, exerts a bad influence upon the school and is unfair towards other districts.

No. 4. Samuel T. Dutton. A very pleasant and profitable school. The sickness of the teacher prevented any examination at the close of the term, but from report and what I saw when I visited the school, I have no doubt that it was a successful term. A short Fall term was taught by Miss M. J. Parker. This school appeared well.

No. 5. James T. Woodbury. It has frequently been said that we are not sure a man will be a good teacher because he is a good scholar. This proved true in this case. A good scholar and an exceedingly inefficient teacher. There seemed to be no life and energy in either teacher or scholars. The register shows an unusual amount of tardy marks, owing as I understand, to

the fact that the school was frequently commenced half an hour before nine o'clock, for the purpose probably of giving the teacher extra time at night to attend to his own affairs.

No. 6. Maria M. Perkins. A little more experience will make Miss Perkins a first class teacher. Her instruction was very clear, distinct and correct. The order of the school was excellent. It is to be regretted that the praise expressed by the Superintendent in his report last year should have deprived one of the children of the district of the privileges of this school.

No. 7. Jennie A. Wilson. A fair teacher. She did not fully appreciate the importance of *accuracy* in teaching. Small scholars as well as large should be instructed with the utmost precision.

No 8. Abby J. Pitcher. This school has not closed yet, but appeared to be doing well when visited.

No. 9. Mary F. Knowlton. A very good school. There seemed to be great sympathy and good feeling between teacher and scholars, and everything appeared to pass off smoothly. A little more life and animation would have benefited the school.

No. 10. Jennie M. Nesmith. This school is still keeping, and its two scholars are being faithfully instructed by an experienced and successful teacher.

No. 12. Lizzie S. Tenney. If Miss Tenney could have had about three times as many scholars like the few she did have, and had managed them as well as she did this school, we might have called it a model school. Life, spirit and energy, so desirable everywhere, was not lacking in this teacher, and the great interest she took in the progress of each scholar was manifest to all.

No. 13. Lucie A. Tuttle. As good a school as could well be, we think, with only four scholars. The school was well taught, and made considerable progress.

## *Remarks.*

I cannot say positively what the success of our winter schools has been, compared with former years, but I feel safe in expressing the opinion that they have been more prosperous, on the whole, than usual. The interest in them manifested by parents and citizens is on the increase. When the fathers and the mothers of the whole town get waked up to the performance of their whole duty to the common schools, we shall then see a grand improvement on their present condition. The union of Districts numbered 1 and 13 has thus far proved more valuable to the interests of all concerned than the most sanguine friends of the movement anticipated. The district has had money enough to be able to have long schools and employ the best of teachers through the year, and the prosperity of the schools has been unexampled. A new life and enthusiasm has been inspired into both citizens and scholars, and the term "most inanimate of all our schools" cannot again be applied to this district. The registers show that a large number of persons have visited these schools, which is almost a sure sign of a satisfactory result. I notice in examining the list of visitors, that not one of those known to be opposed to the union of these districts has entered either school house in school hours during the year; fearing, it would seem, that what they might see and learn, if they should do so, would be too convincing a proof of their error in judgment. It is to be hoped that the time will soon come when other important changes may be made. The most desirable change, it seems to me, is the union of Districts numbered 2 and 12. If this could be done and have three terms of school, one commencing about the middle of May, one about August 20, and one about the middle of November; have the small scholars attend the summer and fall terms, and be excluded from the winter term; an advantage of great value, in my humble opinion, would accrue to these districts.

The school house in district No. 5, is in a most miserably dilapidated condition. I most sincerely hope that the citizens of this district will at once proceed to demolish the old house and erect a new and suitable one. Have it done before another school is kept, and thus insure the *safety* as well as comfort of your children. Respectfully submitted,

D. H. GOODELL, S. S. Committee.

Antrim, Feb. 25, 1868.

## *Table of Statistics.*

SUMMER.

| Districts. | Weeks of School. | Scholars. | Average Attend'e. | Tardiness | Visits by S. S. C. | Visits by P. C. | Visits by Citiz's. | Wages and Board. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 10 | 49 | $41\frac{1}{10}$ | 143 | 3 | 3 | 58 | $22 00 |
| 2 | 7 | 32 | 30 | 8 | 4 | | 21 | 26 00 |
| 3 | 9 | 24 | 21 | 2 | 3 | | 66 | 22 80 |
| 4 | 10 | 9 | $8\frac{2}{3}$ | 19 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 18 00 |
| 5 | 7 | 21 | 16 | 4 | 3 | | 18 | 20 00 |
| 6 | 7 | 13 | $12\frac{2}{3}$ | 4 | 2 | | 17 | 21 00 |
| 9 | 6 | 13 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 36 | 16 00 |
| 12 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 2 | | 10 | 18 00 |
| Average, | 8 | 167 | 147 | 189 | 21 | 5 | 245 | Average, $20 47 |

WINTER.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 12 | 31 | 27 | 122 | 4 | 4 | 83 | Grammar School. |
| | $11\frac{1}{3}$ | 31 | $26\frac{1}{2}$ | 116 | 3 | 3 | 84 | Primary Department. |
| 2 | 8 | 51 | $44\frac{1}{2}$ | 90 | 3 | 3 | 48 | |
| 3 | 9 | 31 | 30 | 30 | 2 | | 25 | |
| 4 | 10 | 16 | $14\frac{3}{4}$ | 20 | 1 | 1 | 23 | |
| 5 | 8 | 18 | $13\frac{3}{4}$ | 72 | 2 | | 17 | |
| 6 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 2 | | 23 | |
| 7 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 4 | |
| 8 | 10 | 5 | | | 1 | | | |
| 9 | 8 | 21 | 16 | 33 | 2 | | 15 | |
| 10 | 8 | 2 | | | 1 | | | |
| 12 | 11 | 8 | $7\frac{1}{4}$ | 13 | 2 | 1 | 39 | |
| 13 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 2 | | 11 | |

# AUDITORS' REPORT.

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**For the year ending February 22, 1868.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The amount Tax-List committed to Harvey Stacy for collection was | | $9168 50 |
| Paid as follows: | | |
| State tax, | $2256 25 | |
| County tax, | 675 52 | |
| Sundry receipts from treasurer, | 5300 00 | |
| Non-resident highway taxes wrought out, | 34 87 | —$8266 64 |
| Total remaining in collector's hands, | | $901 86 |
| Taxes not collectible, | | $75 66 |
| The auditors charge the selectmen with cash to the amount of | | $8426 37 |
| And credit the selectmen as follows: | | |
| By sundry receipts from the treasurer, | | $8426 37 |

## *Receipts into the Treasury.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From Treasurer, 1866, | $2176 46 | |
| Selectmen, | 7979 21 | |
| Poor Farm, for hay, | 50 00 | |
| Savings Bank tax, | 279 39 | |
| Literary Fund, | 40 65 | |
| U. S. bounties, | 335 00 | |
| Samuel Stacy's board, | 119 00 | |
| Thomas Flint, for Mrs. Rhoads' furniture sold, | 10 50 | |
| A. Fairfield, for Mary Nesmith's wood sold, | 69 | |
| James W. Perkins from James Steele heirs, | 21 00 | |
| Collector, | 5300 00 | |
| Selectmen, | 447 16 | —$16759 06 |

Paid out as follows:

## *School Orders.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| District No. | 1. | D. H. Goodell, | $243 32 |
| " | 2. | Eben Bass, | 148 71 |
| " | 3. | A. Fairfield, | 154 12 |
| " | 4. | F. M. Shattuck, | 101 04 |
| " | 5. | C. B. Cram, | 64 61 |
| " | 6. | H. M. Barker, | 43 95 |
| " | 7. | E. F. Gould, | 50 18 |
| " | 9. | B. F. Dustin, | 34 91 |
| " | 10. | A. Brown, | 33 55 |
| " | 11. | Wm. Weston, | 40 57 |
| " | 12. | J. W. Perkins, | 55 35 |
| " | 13. | I. M. Tuttle, | 25 04 |
| " | 14. | C. M. Flint, | 11 17 |
| | | | $1006 52 |

## *Breaking Roads.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| N. H. Tirrell, | $9 00 | Linn Parker, | 5 00 |
| C. M. Flint, | 1 65 | Wm. White, | 10 80 |
| Josiah Loveren, | 3 00 | Dustin Barrett, | 11 55 |
| J. D. Mathews, | 3 60 | Eben Bass, | 1 75 |
| M. B. McIlvin, | 23 40 | C. F. Holt, | 2 70 |
| C. A. Conn, | 13 20 | C. Appleton, | 8 50 |
| B. F. McIlvin, | 12 87 | B. F. Dutton, | 9 15 |
| Ira Holmes, | 4 05 | S. Dinsmore, | 5 44 |
| O. K. Carr, | 1 25 | J. T. Balch, | 12 70 |
| G. W. Kittredge, | 7 00 | L. M. Curtis, | 12 57 |
| J. Moulton, | 12 13 | J. S. Senter, | 12 00 |
| F. Robinson, | 7 20 | G. W. Eaton, | 1 50 |
| Oliver Swett, | 11 20 | John Duncan, | 2 25 |
| Wm. Stacy, | 1 20 | J. C. Butterfield, | 6 25 |
| L. S. Curtis, | 10 65 | Nathan Stacy, | 16 64 |
| W. R. Carr, | 5 85 | J. W. Wallace, | 9 42 |
| O. K. Carr, | 10 35 | A. Cochran, | 17 00 |
| J. S. Parmenter, | 8 27 | Jonas White, | 6 15 |
| Jesse Combs, | 3 00 | Hiram Eaton, | 8 70 |
| T. D. Twiss, | 6 57 | C. Hopkins, | 21 90 |
| N. B. Herrick, | 3 07 | B. H. Whiteley, | 3 52 |
| Thomas Thompson, | 8 62 | Harvey Stacy, | 3 00 |
| George Turner, | 17 45 | Isaac Baldwin, | 3 25 |
| A. Brown, | 8 50 | | |
| | | | $384 82 |

## *Town Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| N. B. Herrick, repairing Keene road, | $13 90 |
| Thos. Flint, work on road, | 2 00 |
| Hiram Eaton, bridge plank, | 2 67 |
| " " repairing bridge, | 16 41 |

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|---|---|
| B. W. Sanborn, blank books, | 15 50 |
| H. M. Davis, planing and matching boards, | 10 65 |
| H. Clark, interest on note, | 18 00 |
| Samuel Curtis, " " | 44 00 |
| Jesse Combs, labor on Tuttle bridge, | 8 67 |
| Farnum & Scott, printing reports, | 30 00 |
| Josiah Loveren, lumber for bridge and bridge plank, | 107 75 |
| Mrs. Asa Robinson, endorsement on note, | 60 00 |
| C. M Flint, plank, | 1 47 |
| J. E. Hastings, interest, | 85 95 |
| J. Moulton, repairing roads, | 11 75 |
| J. D. Matthews, repairing Forest road, | 35 00 |
| Samuel Curtis, endorsement on note, | 50 00 |
| J. Hills, interest, | 24 14 |
| F. D. Gould, abutment for bridge, | 93 00 |
| Hiram Eaton, over-tax on money, | 3 76 |
| William Weston, for land, | 12 00 |
| J. Moulton, plank and labor, | 2 54 |
| S. C. Curtis, interest, | 60 00 |
| J. H. Cleaves, " | 13 20 |
| J. E. Vose, services as Town Clerk, | 12 00 |
| " " " " S. School Committee, | 18 00 |
| J. C. Weston, over-tax on land sold, | 3 76 |
| S. A. Holt, setting cions for Poor Farm, | 5 85 |
| M. B. McIlvin, labor on Tuttle bridge, | 5 33 |
| M. B. McIlvin, services as Sexton, | 15 00 |
| Mrs. Asa Robinson, interest, | 90 00 |
| Thos. Brown, over-tax on land sold, | 1 69 |
| M. B. McIlvin, Constable, | 4 00 |
| David Steele, " | 2 00 |
| B. F. McIlvin, work on Keene road, | 12 25 |
| T. S. Holmes, plank, | 24 73 |
| Emeline Preston over-tax on money in savings bank, | 5 64 |
| T. W. Draper, watering trough, | 1 50 |
| H. Griffin, interest, | 123 60 |
| Cyrrill Butterfield, plank, | 10 95 |
| J. Moulton, repairing road, | 16 75 |
| L. C. Curtis, repairing Keene road, | 21 20 |
| A. Fairfield, use of room, | 1 00 |
| W. R. Carr, repairing road, | 3 60 |
| J. A. Tuttle, labor on bridge and dog poisoned, | 3 50 |
| " " interest, | 19 10 |
| A. Fairfield, printing, | 2 00 |
| " " nails for bridge, | 2 06 |
| J. S. Parmenter, Sexton, | 9 50 |
| R. Drake, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| F. M. Shattuck, work on Keene road, | 6 00 |
| W. B. Curtis, lumber for railing, labor and watering trough, | 8 00 |
| J. W. Wallace, labor on road, | 1 25 |
| H. Parmenter, interest, | 60 00 |
| Thos. Thompson, plank, | 8 92 |
| Wm. White, repairing road, | 2 25 |
| Wm. S. Foster, re-bounding school districts, | 4 00 |
| N. Boutwell, Sexton, | 2 00 |
| Linn Parker, repairing bridge, | 2 25 |

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|---|---|
| R. P. Whittemore, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| W. W. Duncan, highway tax wrought out, | 1 55 |
| G. F. Parmenter, Constable, | 2 00 |
| Wm. B. Whittemore, non-resident tax wrought out, | 1 39 |
| Alice Griffin, interest, | 81 57 |
| S. A. Peasley, tax on cows lost, | 1 31 |
| Morris Christie, re-bounding school districts, | 4 00 |
| Ira Cochran, building road and bridge, | 5 00 |
| B. W. Sanborn, stationery, | 85 |
| James Boyd, express charges, | 1 80 |
| D. H. Goodell, S. S. Committee, | 25 00 |
| E. L. Vose, care Town House, | 5 00 |
| " " notifying jurors, | 2 00 |
| Delia M. Sweetser, interest, | 30 00 |
| J. R. Hills, Auctioneer, | 1 00 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, Sexton, | 5 00 |
| Wm. N. Tuttle, re-bounding school districts, | 4 00 |
| E. L. Vose, recording deed, paper and postage, | 2 54 |
| " " Town Clerk, | 2 00 |
| Dearborn & Scott, term fee, | 5 00 |
| F. M. Shattuck, Selectman, | 32 00 |
| G. A. Cochran, powder and fuse, | 88 |
| " " drawing plank, | 1 25 |
| G. W. Butterfield, tax abated, | 5 25 |
| H. Kelsea, plank, | 9 25 |
| James Boyd, Treasurer, | 35 00 |
| H. Stacy, Collector, | 75 00 |
| J. Loveren, lumber, | 5 50 |
| H. Kelsea, use of hall, | 3 00 |
| E. Simonds, Auditor, | 6 00 |
| E. L. Vose, Selectman, | 67 25 |
| G. W. Eaton, repairing abutment, | 20 00 |
| G. A. Cochran, Selectman, | 58 50 |
| Wm. N. Tuttle, Auditor, | 6 00 |
| O. K. Carr, repairing road, | 4 00 |
| Wm. Weston, school money, 1866, | 28 84 |
| | $1776 73 |

## *Poor Farm Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Nathan Stacy's salary, 1866, | $350 00 |
| " " " in part, 1867, | 113 00 |
| A. Fairfield, goods for Poor Farm, | 26 80 |
| E. Sawyer, smithing, | 12 87 |
| J. B. Woodbury, goods for Poor Farm, | 217 25 |
| L. Thompson, " " " " | 13 27 |
| Wm. G. Wheeler, sawing lumber, | 2 81 |
| E. D. Putney, goods for Poor Farm, | 53 17 |
| N. Stacy, balance on private account, | 5 53 |
| E. L. Vose, Overseer, | 8 00 |
| | $802 70 |

## *Poor not on Farm.*

| | |
|---|---|
| G. P. Fletcher, goods for Mrs. Samuel Atwood, | $11 33 |
| N. M. Stacy, care of Mary Nesmith, | 2 00 |
| M. B. McIlvin, care Mary Nesmith, | 16 00 |
| " " burying D. Case, | 2 00 |
| A. Fairfield, aid to J. S Atwood, | 52 |
| " " " Mary Nesmith, | 9 47 |
| " " goods for Case family, | 11 09 |
| J. R. Abbott & Co., coffins for Mary Nesmith and David Case, | 11 00 |
| J. B. Woodbury, aid to W. D. Hatch, | 15 00 |
| Morris Christie, medical aid to M. Nesmith, | 3 00 |
| W. G. Wheeler, wood for Hatch, | 2 00 |
| Edward Reed, aid to I. Walker, | 12 00 |
| Isaac Baldwin, drawing wood for Hatch, | 90 |
| Thos. Flint, care and burial of Mrs. Rhoades, | 40 50 |
| | $136 81 |

## *Notes paid.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| M. B. Woodbury, | $1222 10 | L. T. Hastings, | 1002 82 |
| Hiram Eaton, | 332 55 | Sylvester Little, | 336 02 |
| Samuel Wood, | 514 04 | William S. Foster, | 145 28 |
| Mehitable Twiss, | 106 75 | H. E. Foster, | 352 38 |
| E. W. Estey, | 55 41 | J. W. Foster, | 242 16 |
| N. D. Butterfield, | 223 44 | E. Z. Hastings, | 108 68 |
| Horace Parmenter, | 1051 17 | Horace Gillis, | 803 19 |
| C. H. Tarbell, | 702 49 | Hattie F. Parker, | 233 94 |
| Gilman Dunlap, | 164 06 | Samuel Curtis, | 205 95 |
| J. L. Worthley, | 176 34 | H. B. Swett, | 118 43 |
| J. E. Hastings, | 111 93 | J. R. Webster, | 167 68 |
| John Dodge, | 429 00 | J. S. Shea, | 205 60 |
| Nathan Stacy, | 108 66 | A. Clark, | 307 79 |
| Samuel Dinsmore, | 222 07 | N. B. Herrick, | 429 16 |
| Chauncey White, | 104 75 | H. B. Newman, | 217 44 |
| | | | $10401 28 |

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| Whole amount received into the Treasury, | $16759 06 |
| Whole amount of expenditures, | 14508 80 |
| Remaining in Treasury, | $2250 20 |

## *Finances of the Town.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| N. B. Herrick, | $528 91 | James Wood, | 125 00 |
| C. E. Morrows, | 125 00 | G. L. Herrick, | 100 00 |
| C. H. Dodge, | 125 00 | D. M. Stacy, | 50 00 |
| L. & J. B. Woodbury, | 500 00 | M. D. Nesmith, | 100 00 |
| A Fairfield, | 125 00 | J. Hills, | 400 00 |
| G. L. Herrick, | 100 00 | Langdon Swett, | 100 00 |
| Mary Moulton, | 100 00 | Wm. N. Tuttle, | 75 00 |

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|---|---|
| J. A. Tuttle, | 100 00 |
| T. S. Holmes, | 250 00 |
| Alice Griffin, | 600 00 |
| Mary Christie, | 100 00 |
| W. M. Conn, | 550 00 |
| Isaiah Sweetser, | 400 00 |
| Morris Christie, | 200 00 |
| Imla Wright, | 200 00 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, | 100 00 |
| J. E. Hastings, | 450 00 |
| R. S. Chesmore, | 300 00 |
| Mark Simonds, | 125 00 |
| James Wood, | 250 00 |
| Caroline Wilson, | 300 00 |
| H. S. True, | 100 00 |
| Samuel Nay, | 100 00 |
| Dimon Twiss, | 100 00 |
| L. H. Tenney, | 100 00 |
| Mark True, | 400 00 |
| " " | 300 00 |
| " " | 300 00 |
| " " | 193 23 |
| " " | 226 76 |
| " " | 210 00 |
| " " | 861 00 |
| " " | 968 62 |
| " " | 268 51 |
| J. H. Hadley, | 125 00 |
| Prescott Parmenter, | 25 00 |
| James Wood, | 100 00 |
| Delia M. Sweetser, | 500 00 |
| S. A. Starrett, | 400 00 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, | 115 00 |
| Morris Christie, | 100 00 |
| W. W. Story, | 321 91 |
| H. Clark, | 150 00 |
| C. H. Griffin, | 200 00 |
| Mary Christie, | 683 86 |
| S. C. Curtis, | 1000 00 |
| H. O. Abbott, | 500 00 |
| James Bazley, | 500 00 |
| " " | 200 00 |
| " " | 275 00 |
| J. H. Cleaves, | 220 00 |
| Nancy B. Muzzey, | 40 00 |
| Amos Corey, | 200 00 |
| E. Z. Hastings, | 100 00 |
| Asa Robinson, | 762 32 |
| E. Sawyer, | 100 00 |
| Caleb Clark, | 602 13 |
| Hiram Griffin, | 1000 00 |
| Morris Christie, | 146 00 |
| E. Sawyer, | 400 00 |
| Thomas Thompson, | 50 00 |
| " " | 150 00 |
| H. O. Abbott, | 500 00 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, | 400 00 |
| M. J. Story, | 157 80 |
| James Bazley, | 300 00 |
| H. Clark, | 100 00 |
| H. P. Ramsey, | 523 00 |
| T. M. Paige, | 1203 10 |
| Alice Griffin, | 60 00 |
| Prescott Parmenter, | 300 00 |
| Cyrus J. Whitney, Jr., | 125 00 |
| Hiram Griffin, | 200 00 |
| Chandler Boutelle, | 150 00 |
| Ira Cochran, | 500 00 |
| Sally Dodge, | 500 00 |
| Ella M. Pike, | 50 00 |
| " " " | 50 00 |
| J. M. Wilson, | 100 00 |
| Eliza Wilson, | 100 00 |
| Reuben Boutwell, | 100 00 |
| Nancy Clark, | 100 00 |
| E. Sawyer, | 700 00 |
| C. H. Tarbell, | 702 49 |
| Hiram Griffin, | 200 00 |
| Betsey A. Rogers, | 186 00 |
| Daniel Story, | 350 00 |
| John W. Dodge, | 100 00 |
| Persis Wilson, | 150 00 |
| A. L. Pike, | 100 00 |
| Caleb Clark, | 100 00 |
| Hiram Eaton, | 332 55 |
| A. Clark, | 307 79 |
| Wm. B. Curtis, | 200 00 |
| Samuel Wood, | 514 04 |
| N. B. Herrick, | 429 16 |
| | $29464 17 |

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|---|---|
| Interest unpaid, | 3000 00 |
| Due N. Stacy, | 237 00 |
| School money, District No. 8, | 40 07 |
| Total amount of liabilities, | $32741 24 |

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|---|---|
| In the Treasury, | $2250 20 |
| In Collector's hands, | 826 20 |
| Due for hay sold, | 9 58 |
| | $3085 98 |
| Whole amount of town debt, | $29655 26 |

E. SIMONDS,
W. N. TUTTLE, } AUDITORS.

February 22, 1868.

# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

## *Poor Farm, Dr.*

| | |
|---|---|
| To various orders reported, | $339 70 |
| Nathan Stacy's salary, | 350 00 |
| Estimated interest on real estate, stock, tools, &c., | 140 00 |
| Stock, hay, grain and provisions on hand, Feb 20, 1867, | 1186. 00 |
| Stock, lumber and sundry other articles paid for by Agent, | 235 63 |
| | $2251 33 |

## *Poor Farm, Cr.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stock, | $495 00 | |
| Hay, grain and provisions, | 621 92 | |
| Stock and sundry articles sold, | 275 60 | |
| Work away from farm, | 5 25 | |
| Samuel Stacy's board, | 40 25 | |
| Due for hay sold, | 9 58 | |
| Estimated repairs of shed, building sap house, &c., | 25 00 | |
| | | $1472 60 |
| Balance, | | $778 73 |
| Paid for poor not on farm, | 136 81 | |
| Received from Steele heirs and others, | 39 19 | |
| Whole cost of poor not on farm, | | $104 62 |
| Whole cost of poor, | | $883 35 |

NAMES ON PAUPERS ON THE FARM.—Betsey Swain, Reuben Butters, Leonard McAllister, Almira E. Tuttle, Mary Griffin.

E. L. VOSE, Overseer of Poor.

Parsons 181
Smith 150

# SCHOOL

AND

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF

## ANTRIM, N. H.,

**Rendered February, 1869.**

PETERBORO':
TRANSCRIPT OFFICE, - - FARNUM & SCOTT, PROPRIETORS.
1869.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

In compliance with the laws of the State, the Superintending School Committee presents to the town of Antrim the following report of its schools, for the year ending March, 1869:

*District No. 1.*

*Summer Term*—Ida B. Butler.

This school of fifty-eight scholars, and eight others who attended nearly two weeks, but not considered scholars, was too large for one teacher and so small a house; four being crowded into one seat. From the register I learned that ten were neither tardy, absent, nor dismissed, and eighteen did not whisper during the term.

*Fall Term*—Ida B. Butler.

This school was graded, and the acquirements greater. Some of the classes were the best in town of their age. Miss Butler ranks high as a teacher.

*Grammar School*—Eben Thompson.

This teacher worked hard to make his school among the best; and if he had been properly sustained, it

would have been. Better behavior on the part of some scholars would have saved the teacher much trouble, and reflected credit upon their parents.

### *District No. 2.*

SERENA P. WHITNEY, Teacher during the year.

This school is too large in winter. Such a range of age and acquirements should be divided. Would it not be for your advantage to have a school in the fall, for the smaller scholars, when everything is more favorable for their punctual attendance, and keep them out of the winter term? Only such teachers as Miss Whitney, who bring tact and experience in teaching and governing, can exhibit fair results. She fully sustained her former excellent reputation.

### *District No. 3.*

LIZZIE E. FORSAITH, Teacher during the year.

The summer school was interrupted by the illness of the teacher. The second term was long, and the closing examination creditable.

### *District No. 4.*

MARY F. SAWYER, Teacher of the first term.

One of our best teachers. As evidence of this, it might be stated that she had taught the school before.

*Winter School*—FANNIE F. NESMITH.

Active, accurate, and devoted to her trust. The closing examination was satisfactory to all present. A larger proportion attended to writing than in any other school.

## *District No. 5.*

*One Term*—Henry Gove.

An experienced teacher and a new house insured success. The class in geography recited the best of any heard in town.

## *District No. 6.*

Jennie E. Gray, Teacher both terms.

Her first teaching. She soon enlisted her scholars' attention, and the confidence of their parents, which resulted in a profitable school.

## *District No. 7.*

Melissa M. Wilkins, Teacher both terms.

This was Miss Wilkins' first school, but she soon showed herself mistress of the situation. A quiet working teacher, and a good school.

## *District No. 8.*

*One Term*—Mary F. Pitcher.

Four young pupils. In my two visits circumstances were such that I did not get much information in regard to the school. From what I know of the teacher, I presume the school was satisfactory to the district.

## *District No. 9.*

Cathie C. Barney, Teacher both terms.

Under her tuition the advancement was superior. Good order and a satisfactory examination at the close were secured.

*District No. 11.*

DOROTHY M. WILDER.

The smallest school in town, with a veteran teacher—appeared well.

*District No. 12.*

AMORETT A. HOPKINS, Teacher of the first term.

The examination showed the effect of thorough drill, and gave good satisfaction.

LUCRETIA M. ROBINSON, Teacher second term.

This school is not done, but appears to be doing well.

*District No. 13.*

JENNIE A. WILSON, Teacher both terms.

This small school appeared well. The teacher hav- taught it before, commenced work at once.

Mr. JAMES E. VOSE taught a select school in District No. 2, in the spring, and Miss FANNIE H. NESMITH in District No. 1, in the fall. The names of the teachers is a sufficient guaranty of their usefulness.

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*REMARKS.*

Your committee cannot compare the schools of this with past years; but I am pleased to report a commendable degree of success. In all but three districts, the services of the same teachers were secured during the year—an important consideration. Comparatively few of those qualified, so far as a

knowledge of books is concerned, are capable of teaching a good school; therefore, when you have proved one and found them qualified, engage them again. It may cost a little more, but the extra money will be well invested. Several of our most successful teachers are from this town, and there are many more whom I recommend you to hire rather than strangers. If a teacher is unacquainted with the text books, their services are less valuable. Be sure you hire a teacher possessing all the requisites, then consider the difficulties attending the situation, and train your children, by precept and example, to obey the regulations in every particular. Visit your schools, examine your children at home, show them that you feel an interest in their education, and there will seldom be refractory pupils. A child's conduct at school is a pretty sure index of the discipline and self respect at home. Generally, those who find the most fault with teachers and schools, are those who seldom, or never, visit them, and know least of them.

I remark a tendency to neglect the foundation of all practical knowledge—spelling, writing, reading and mental arithmetic—for advanced studies. The result is, that in many of the higher classes poor spellers are found, and in some schools the writing book has no place. The error of this may be easily seen. But a small proportion of the children will attend a writing school. I would not have the copies set by the different teachers, consequently a change of style every few months, but adopt some system and have it thoroughly taught.

I hope the time is not far distant when we shall have such legislation as may be necessary to regulate the

text books, so they will be uniform throughout the State. As it now is, if a family moves from one town to another, or, in some cases, from one district to another, a change of books must be made at considerable expense, which should be remedied by a proper statute. Occasional changes must be made, to keep pace with the extension of country and improvements in teaching. This year Guyot's series of Geographies were substituted. This work we consider a step in advance. If the several districts would purchase the wall map by the same author, it would be a valuable auxiliary to good instructors.

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS CHRISTIE, *S. S. Committee.*

Antrim, N. H., Feb. 18, 1869.

# *Table of Statistics.*

SUMMER.

| Districts. | Length. | Scholars. | Average Attendance | Tardiness. | Visits by S. S. C. | Visits by P. C. | Visits by Citizens. | Wages and Board. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 8 | 58 | 54 | 28 | 3 | 2 | 37 | $27 00 |
| 2 | 10 | 33 | 29¼ | 5 | 2 | 2 | 54 | 26 00 |
| 3 | 8 | 25 | 22 | 16 | 2 | | 22 | 25 00 |
| 4 | 10 | 9 | 8¾ | 14 | 2 | | 10 | 25 00 |
| 6 | 8 | 9 | 8½ | 8 | 2 | | 15 | 20 00 |
| 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 18 00 |
| 9 | 6 | 14 | 12½ | 3 | 2 | | | 17 00 |
| 12 | 7 | 5 | 3¾ | | 2 | | 20 | 18 00 |
| 13 | 8 | 4 | 3⅝ | | 2 | | 12 | 16 00 |

FALL.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 10 | 33 | 28 | 25 | 2 | 1 | 45 | 27 00 |
| 6 | 8 | 14 | 12½ | 12 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 20 00 |
| 7 | 11 | 12 | 8⅞ | 1 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 20 00 |
| 8 | 10 | 4 | 3⅛ | 57 | 2 | | 5 | 14 00 |
| 9 | 6 | 15 | 12⅞ | 9 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 21 00 |
| 11 | 11 | 3 | 3 | | 2 | 2 | | 16 00 |
| 13 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 16 00 |

WINTER.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 10 | 39 | 33¼ | 127 | 4 | 1 | 50 | 50 00 |
| 2 | 9 | 51 | 47½ | 26 | 3 | 2 | 41 | 36 00 |
| 3 | 14 | 27 | 25½ | 26 | 3 | | 40 | 34 00 |
| 4 | 12 | 13 | 12⅓ | 28 | 2 | 1 | 42 | 28 00 |
| 5 | 10 | 27 | 24¼ | 73 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 42 00 |

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1869.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The amount of tax list committed to Harvey Stacy for collection was | | $8019 51 |
| Paid as follows: | | |
| State tax, | $2256 28 | |
| County tax, | 771 00 | |
| Sundry receipts from treasurer, | 4328 65 | |
| Non-resident highway taxes wrought out, | 30 72 | —$7386 65 |
| Total remaining in collector's hands, | | $632 86 |
| By drawback order, | | 20 00 |
| The auditors charge the selectmen with cash to the amount of | | $9279 74 |
| And credit the selectmen as follows: | | |
| By sundry receipts from treasurer, | | $9279 74 |

## *Receipts into the Treasury.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From treasurer, 1867, | $2414 26 | |
| " collector, " | 826 20 | |
| Bank tax, " | 220 32 | |
| Selectmen, | 8784 30 | |
| Poor farm, for ashes, | 7 80 | |
| " " produce, | 20 00 | |
| County pauper's board, | 37 14 | |
| Stone, Murray & Co., circus license, | 10 00 | |
| Literary fund, | 48 96 | |
| Savings bank tax, | 371 54 | |
| J. W. Perkins, committee to sell poor farm, | 800 00 | |
| Received from collector, | 4328 65 | |
| Drawback order, | 20 00 | —$17889 17 |

Paid out as follows :

## *School Orders.*

Including dog fund, $54 00.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Eph. Simonds, for Dist. No. 1, | | $256 02 |
| J. S. Parmenter, | " " 2, | 161 36 |
| Sam. S. Sawyer, | " " 3, | 160 84 |
| Newton Perry, | " " 4, | 99 78 |
| Chas. B. Cram, | " " 5, | 64 00 |
| A. R. Barker, | " " 6, | 43 50 |
| J. P. Gibson, | " " 7, | 51 95 |
| B. F. Dustin, | " " 8, | 42 47 |
| B. F. McIlvin, | " " 9, | 40 39 |
| Clark Hopkins, | " " 10, | 6 65 |
| Wm. Weston, | " " 11, | 43 10 |
| Hiram Eaton, | " " 12, | 58 34 |
| J. S. Shedd, | " " 13, | 25 90 |
| S. C. Murdough, | " " 14, | 12 68 |
| | | $1066 98 |

## *Breaking Roads.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. S. Parmenter, | $6 30 | O. K. Carr, | $6 65 |
| A. Story, | 4 25 | B. F. McIlvin, | 15 43 |
| J. White, | 2 55 | J. G. Flint, | 6 90 |
| G. Brown, | 3 00 | J. Combs, | 4 01 |
| S. A. Holt, | 11 70 | D. McIlvin, | 13 69 |
| G. E. Thompson, | 10 05 | J. G. Wilkins, | 15 30 |
| N. B. Herrick, | 2 33 | J. Boyd, | 2 85 |
| T. Thompson, | 11 17 | P. Hart, | 5 75 |
| W. Duncan, | 9 05 | J. W. Wallace, | 15 23 |
| C. Butterfield, | 3 00 | C. F. Holt, | 2 25 |
| B. F. Dustin, | 5 70 | T. S. Worthley, | 1 12 |
| L. Parker, | 16 40 | L. S. Curtis, | 18 65 |
| H. Eaton, | 8 85 | B. F. Dustin, | 15 65 |
| D. Bass, | 4 60 | T. D. Twiss, | 8 54 |
| O. Swett, | 12 65 | J. D. Mathews, | 7 95 |
| F. Dunlap, | 20 30 | T. Flint, | 6 90 |
| J. Loveren, | 16 45 | F. Dunlap, | 1 05 |
| Amos Dodge, | 15 45 | E. F. Gould, | 16 50 |
| J. M. Tuttle, | 16 58 | D. White, | 13 04 |
| J. Moulton, | 10 34 | H. M. Barker, | 5 30 |
| D. Swett, | 10 04 | D. Swett, | 15 75 |
| S. Dinsmore, | 2 50 | A. Baldwin, | 6 00 |
| W. R. Carr, | 1 65 | | |
| | | | $409 42 |

## *Town Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| J. S. Parmenter, services as sexton, | $19 00 |
| N. B. Herrick, repairing Keene road, | 12 85 |
| David Hills, dead dog, | 1 00 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, repairing highway, | 3 25 |
| B. W. Sanborn, blank books, | 3 37 |
| " " general statutes, | 5 00 |

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|---|---|
| M. B. Woodbury, tax on real estate sold, | $12 00 |
| J. B. Woodbury, powder and fuse, | 44 |
| David Bass, support of watering trough, | 1 50 |
| Hannah Clark, interest money, | 13 56 |
| A. Fairfield, printing orders and notes, | 1 70 |
| " " powder and fuse, | 1 46 |
| J. Loveren, bridge plank and stringers, | 29 69 |
| A. Fairfield, use of room, | 2 00 |
| C. H. Griffin, interest, | 48 36 |
| Hiram Griffin, " | 102 31 |
| M. B. McIlvin, services as sexton, | 10 00 |
| " " " constable, | 4 00 |
| J. A. Tuttle, interest, | 6 00 |
| O. K. Carr, repairing highway, | 4 00 |
| G. F. Parmenter, services as constable, | 3 00 |
| " " lumber for bridge, | 3 70 |
| B. F. Dustin, repairing highway, | 5 00 |
| L. S. Curtis, bridge plank, | 13 44 |
| Wm. Curtis, support of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| Thos. D. Twiss, repairing highway, | 1 60 |
| Simeon Buck, over tax, 1867, | 3 00 |
| Josiah Herrick, tax abated, | 2 58 |
| J. D. Mathews, repairing highway, | 2 75 |
| Wm. Weston, tax abated, | 2 58 |
| Thos. Flint, bridge plank, | 7 12 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, interest, | 11 76 |
| E. D. Putney, services as town clerk, | 20 77 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, services as sexton, | 19 00 |
| Estate of R. Boutelle, " " | 2 00 |
| J. S. Shedd, bank tax illegally assessed, 1866, | 19 55 |
| J. A. Tuttle, " " " " " | 9 77 |
| Mary B. Fox, over tax, 1867, | 9 40 |
| James Boyd, bank tax, 1866, | 95 12 |
| Sarah C. Curtis, interest, | 60 00 |
| Ira Cochran, bank tax, 1866, | 1 57 |
| Dr. M. Christie, " " " | 39 10 |
| Nancy McKean, " " " | 10 32 |
| A. M. Woodbury, " " | 39 10 |
| Mary Christie, " " " | 37 14 |
| Ira Cochran, " " " | 8 20 |
| Farnum & Scott, printing reports, | 25 00 |
| J. Combs, damage from defect in road, | 25 00 |
| Hannah Clark, interest, | 15 00 |
| C. M. Worthley, highway tax wrought out, | 1 24 |
| J. H. Cleaves, interest, | 13 20 |
| J. E. Vose, support of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| Estate of E. L. Vose, care town house, | 5 00 |
| Geo. R. Orcutt, loss of cow by defect in highway, | 15 00 |
| W. M. Conn, endorsement on note, | 150 00 |
| T. M. Paige, interest, | 148 69 |
| J. Loveren, lumber and repairing bridge, | 35 00 |
| Geo. W. Eaton, repairing bridge, | 5 00 |
| Gil. Dunlap, tax abated, 1867, | 4 21 |
| C. P. Brackett, " " " | 4 51 |
| E. W. Esty " " " | 4 51 |

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| H. M. Boyd, tax on money in savings bank, | 8 76 |
| Estate of J. Hills, interest, | 24 00 |
| J. S. Shedd, highway bank tax wrought out, 1867, | 3 10 |
| J. A. Tuttle, " " " " " " | 1 55 |
| R. S. Simonds, over tax, 1867–68, | 5 50 |
| Lydia Curtis, dead dog, | 1 00 |
| Wm. Duncan, gravel for road, | 87 |
| L. Thompson, bridge plank, | 10 83 |
| Betsey Robinson, endorsement on note, | 75 00 |
| I. W. Sweetser, interest, | 104 98 |
| Mary Nesmith, interest, | 26 24 |
| Persis Wilson, " | 9 00 |
| Dr. M. Christie, services as S. S. Committee, | 50 00 |
| Geo. A. Coehran, services as seleetman and money paid out, | 108 00 |
| J. H. Potter, printing, | 1 50 |
| A. Baldwin, bridge plank, | 2 04 |
| E. D. Putney, use of room, | 1 50 |
| R. S. Chesmore, lumber for railing, | 6 00 |
| H. Stacy, services as collector, | 58 00 |
| Eph. Simonds, " constable, | 1 50 |
| " " " auditor, | 6 00 |
| W. N. Tuttle, " " | 6 00 |
| James Boyd, " treasurer, | 10 00 |
| J. C. Butterfield, school money, 1867, | 10 07 |
| Leander Smith, services as selectman, | 56 00 |
| H. Stacy, drawbaek order, | 20 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, stationery, | 4 50 |
| | $1838 86 |

## *Poor Farm Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| J. B. Woodbury, goods for poor farm, | $141 18 |
| J. W. Perkins, pigs " " " | 5 00 |
| A. Fairfield, goods " " " | 18 74 |
| E. Sawyer, smithing, | 3 67 |
| Wm. Flint, difference between oxen, | 20 00 |
| Nathan Staey's salary, 1867, | 237 00 |
| E. D. Putney, goods for farm, | 40 96 |
| A. Fairfield, " " | 54 47 |
| Geo. W. Eaton, meat " | 11 54 |
| L. Thompson, goods " | 15 49 |
| N. Stacy, balanee on private account, | 18 43 |
| D. & L. G. Bass, meat, | 13 49 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, Overseer, | 15 00 |
| | $594 94 |

## *Poor not on Farm.*

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|---|---|
| J. B. Woodbury, goods for I. F. Walker, | $3 66 |
| J. F. Balch, support of Polly Robbins, 1867–8, | 165 00 |
| L. S. Curtis, aid to Mary Nesmith, 1867, | 1 00 |
| F. M. Shattuek, keeping Walker's cow, | 8 25 |
| E. D. Putney, goods for Walker, | 18 48 |
| Col. L. Richardson, aid to Mary Atwood, | 9 00 |

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| Francis Pitcher, wintering Walker's cow, 1867–8. | 10 00 |
| G. D. Joslin & Co., goods for Walker, | 7 80 |
| J. K. Goodell, aid for Walker, | 5 50 |
| | $228 69 |

## *Poor at Lewis Green's.*

| | |
|---|---|
| J. B. Woodbury, goods for R. Butters, | $2 30 |
| J. W. Perkins, lumber to repair room, | 3 00 |
| J. M. Duncan, labor and nails, | 6 84 |
| Lewis Green, boarding paupers, $8 per week. | 96 00 |
| L. Thompson, soapstone stove and funnel, | 22 78 |
| | $130 92 |

## *Notes Paid.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chas. H. Griffin, | $101 63 | Hiram Griffin, | 202 00 |
| David M. Stacy, | 65 00 | Ira Cochran, | 554 96 |
| Geo. L. Herrick. | 127 61 | Sarah A. Starrett, | 499 82 |
| " " " | 141 31 | Dimon Twiss, | 126 28 |
| Chas. H. Dodge, | 177 31 | Samuel Nay, | 112 36 |
| A. Fairfield, | 176 50 | W. W. Story, | 399 30 |
| Sally Dodge, | 530 00 | Alice Griffin, | 65 15 |
| L. & J. B. Woodbury, | 709 25 | Langdon Swett, | 128 27 |
| Hannah Clark, | 150 00 | C. H. Tarbell, | 738 30 |
| Hiram Griffin, | 200 00 | C. E. Morrows, | 171 77 |
| " " | 1000 00 | Delia M. Sweetser, | 506 25 |
| " " | 200 00 | Sarah C. Curtis, | 1018 16 |
| Louisa H. Tenney, | 120 54 | H. B. Newman, | 989 61 |
| Mark True, | 383 33 | R. P. Saltmarsh, | 120 29 |
| " " | 511 10 | " " " | 129 74 |
| J. M. Wilson, | 106 42 | Hannah Clark, | 100 00 |
| N. B. Herrick, | 746 22 | | |
| Mark Simonds, | 177 46 | | |
| | | | $11485 91 |

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| Whole amount received into the treasury, | $17889 17 |
| Whole amount of expenditures, | 15755 72 |
| | $2133 45 |

## *Finances of the Town.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Daniel Story, | $300 00 | Daniel Holt, | 81 00 |
| " " | 530 00 | Hannah G. Holt, | 50 00 |
| Leonora Nichols, | 176 50 | James Wood, | 132 00 |
| A. Fairfield, | 176 50 | William Curtis, | 746 22 |
| M. Christie, | 177 31 | George L. Herrick, | 268 92 |
| " " | 709 25 | Caleb Clark, | 100 00 |
| Daniel Holt, | 175 00 | Nancy Clark, | 60 00 |
| Orrel Abbott, | 100 00 | Azubah Clark, | 40 00 |
| John Goodell, | 200 00 | Augusta S. Carr. | 60 00 |
| Charles E. Eaton, | 200 00 | Hiram Griffin, | 400 00 |
| C. J. Whitney, Jr., | 150 00 | " " | 1000 00 |
| Daniel Story, | 300 00 | D. M. Stacy, | 65 00 |
| C. Boutelle, | 400 00 | Hannah O. Abbott, | 1014 97 |
| J. W. Perkins, | 200 00 | R. P. Saltmarsh, | 250 00 |
| Hannah Clark, | 250 00 | Mary Moulton, | 100 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| James Wood, | 100 00 | Caleb Clark, | 602 13 |
| " " | 150 08 | " " | 100 00 |
| " " | 55 52 | Thos. Thompson, | 50 00 |
| " " | 171 77 | " " | 150 00 |
| " " | 250 00 | H. P. Ramsey, | 523 00 |
| Mary D. Nesmith. | 100 00 | C. J. Whitney, Jr., | 125 00 |
| J. Hills, | 400 00 | Ellen M. Pike, | 50 00 |
| W. N. Tuttle, | 75 00 | " " " | 50 00 |
| J. A. Tuttle, | 100 00 | Nancy Clark, | 100 00 |
| T. S. Holmes, | 250 00 | Daniel Story, | 350 00 |
| Alice Grffin, | 600 00 | J. W. Dodge, | 100 00 |
| Mary Christie, | 100 00 | A. L. Pike, | 100 00 |
| W. M. Conn, | 400 00 | A. Clark, | 307 79 |
| Isaiah Sweetser, | 400 00 | Samuel Wood, | 514 01 |
| Morris Christie, | 200 00 | C. H. Griffin, | 200 00 |
| " " | 146 00 | J. H. Cleaves, | 220 00 |
| " " | 100 00 | Nancy B. Muzzey. | 10 00 |
| Imla Wright, | 200 00 | Amos Corey, | 200 00 |
| J. E. Hastings, | 450 00 | E. Z. Hastings, | 100 09 |
| R. S. Chesmore, | 300 00 | Asa Robinson, | 762 32 |
| Caroline Wilson, | 300 00 | Edmund Sawyer, | 100 00 |
| H. S. True, | 100 00 | " " | 400 00 |
| Mark True, | 300 00 | " " | 150 00 |
| " " | 265 51 | " " | 150 00 |
| " " | 226 76 | " " | 400 00 |
| " " | 968 62 | R. P. Saltmarsh, | 400 00 |
| " " | 861 00 | M. J. Story, | 157 80 |
| " " | 193 23 | T. M. Paige, | 1203 10 |
| " " | 210 00 | C. Boutelle, | 150 00 |
| J. H. Hadley, | 125 00 | Eliza Wilson. | 100 00 |
| P. Parmenter, | 300 00 | R. Boutelle. | 100 00 |
| P. Parmenter, | 25 00 | Betsey V. Rogers. | 93 00 |
| Mary Christie, | 683 00 | " " " | 93 00 |
| H. O. Abbott, | 500 00 | Persis Wilson, | 150 00 |
| " " " | 500 00 | Hiram Eaton, | 332 55 |
| " " " | 100 00 | W. B. Curtis, | 200 00 |
| James Bazley, | 500 00 | " " " | 35 00 |
| " " | 200 00 | " " " | 100 00 |
| " " | 75 00 | | |
| " " | 300 00 | | |

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| | $28654 89 |
| Interest unpaid, | 3000 00 |
| Due Nathan Stacy, | 350 00 |
| School money, District No. 10, | 29 06 |
| Total amount of liabilities, | $32033 95 |
| In the Treasury, | $2133 45 |
| In Collector's hands, | 612 86 |
| Amount of notes and accounts, and property unsold at the farm, | 1700 00 |
| | $4446 31 |
| Whole amount of town debt, | $27587 64 |

EPH. SIMONDS,
W. N. TUTTLE, } AUDITORS.

February, 20, 1869.

# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

## *Poor Farm. Dr.*

| | |
|---|---|
| To various orders reported, | $357 94 |
| Nathan Stacy's salary, | 350 00 |
| Stock, hay, grain, provisions, &c., on hand, Feb. 20, 1868. | 1116 92 |
| | $1824 86 |

## *Poor Farm, Cr.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stock, hay, grain, provisions, &c., on hand Dec. 1, 1868, | $1150 00 | |
| Sundry articles sold prior to December, | 119 70 | |
| | | $1269 70 |
| Balance, | | $555 16 |
| Paid for poor not on farm, | $228 69 | |
| Paupers at L. Green's, | 130 92 | |
| | $359 61 | |
| Received from county, | 37 14 | |
| Whole cost of poor not on farm, | | $322 47 |
| Whole cost of poor, | | $877 63 |

Leonard McAlister and Mary Griffin were removed to the County Farm, Oct. 30. Mary Atwood and child were at the farm about three months. Isaac F. Walker, wife and five children were at the farm two weeks. Betsey Swain, Almira E. Tuttle and Reuben Butters were removed from the farm to Lewis Green's, Nov. 27, where they are boarded at an expense of $8 per week.

Respectfully submitted by

GEO. A. COCHRAN, Overseer of Poor.

Remarks.—The selectmen believe that every note held against the town is this year reported, as they have made some exertions to find those that have been accidentally omitted.

# Plastic Slate

FOR

# ROOFING AND OTHER PURPOSES.

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The process of reconstructing Slate Stone from a disintegrated state was patented February 21st, 1865. It is a combination of

## Pulverized Slate and Viscous Matter,

and is a development of one of the simple but unalterable tendences of nature.

## As a Roofing material, it stands unrivalled. It adapts itself to every shape and slope. Non-combustible, impervious, non-expansive and undecaying.

Frost does not crack nor heat dissolve it. The only Roofing material ever discovered that will resist the action of the elements as long as the structure it protects. It is unequalled as a coating for railroad and farm buildings, fences, bridges, bottoms of vessels, vaults, &c.

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## IMPORTANT LEGAL TESTIMONY

### REFERRING TO PLASTIC SLATE.

Last June, a case arose in a District Court in the State of Indiana, which required legal testimony concerning the nature of Plastic Slate and its qualities as a roofing material. A commissioner was chosen by the parties in the City of New York, before whom the depositions were taken, and I now present a part of two of them for your consideration.

## Prof. Charles S. Stone's Testimony.

My name is Charles S. Stone. I reside in New York City. I am professor of chemistry and Physic at the Cooper Union in this city.

Question. For what reason do you ascribe to this material (Plastic Slate) its good qualities for roofing and other purposes?

Answer. Its good qualities as a roofing material are due: first, to its its imperviousness to water, and unchangeableness on exposure. Second, its quality of non-combustibility, which is equal to pure slate, and its more permanent cohesiveness under the action of powerful heat. Third, its antiseptic action upon the wood to which it is applied, by reason of the creosote always present in coal tar, which will penetrate the wood more or less, exercising a preserving influence on it.

As a disinfectant, coal tar contains one of the most powerful agents of that class, namely, carbolic acid; and, until that has all evaporated, the air in the vicinity of a roof covered with this material, will be more or less under the influence of its disinfecting and purifying qualities.

CHARLES S. STONE.

## Prof. Ridgeway's Testimony.

My name is Thomas S. Ridgeway. I reside in Boston, Mass. I am professor of geology and mining engineering.

Question. If you mix coal tar and finely pulverized slate together, and expose the mixture to the sun and air what will be the result?

Answer. If the slate is argillaceous slate, and intimately mixed in proper proportions, it will produce a composition similar to natural bituminous argillaceous slate.

Q. Will this composition be liable in time to separate or dissolve by the action of air, sun or water?

A. It cannot change chemically after it has arrived at its maximum degree of hardness, but it may wear out in the course of time from the friction of rain water and walking upon the roof.

Q. Please state what you know of this material as a protection against fire.

A. If the materials are properly mixed, it is perfectly fire proof. It is superior to sheet slate in this respect, from the fact that there are interstices between the sheets of slate admitting air to sustain a fire when the rafters and sheeting boards are on fire, whereas the plastic slate adheres to the sheetings and is air tight, and prevents the air from rushing in.

Q. Do you regard plastic slate as a valuable roofing material?

A. Yes sir, very valuable if properly made.

Q. Have you any pecuniary interest in this invention?

A. No.

THOMAS S. RIDGEWAY.

REMEMBER! That we WARRANT all our ROOFS

**Not to Wrinkle, Puff or Crack!**

Knowing that if the work is thoroughly done, it will remain smooth and sound.

ALL ORDERS FROM THE TOWNS OF

**MASON, WILTON, SHARON, TEMPLE, HANCOCK, HILLSBOROUGH, ANTRIM, BENNINGTON, GREENFIELD AND PETERBORO'.**

Or letters of enquiry in regard to the same, should be addressed to

EDWARD B. DODGE, Agent,
Peterboro', N. H.

# SCHOOL

AND

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF

# ANTRIM, N. H.,

RENDERED

MARCH 1st, 1870.

PETERBORO':
TRANSCRIPT OFFICE, - FARNUM & SCOTT, PROPRIETORS.
1870.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—In compliance with the requirements of the laws, we have the honor to present the following report of your schools for the year ending March, 1870:

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss SERENA P. WHITNEY, Teacher the four terms.

This school was graded, and each grade allowed its due quota of schooling. We believe that all who visited the school, or had opportunity of judging of the progress made, are agreed as to the utility of this arrangement. The three first terms were eminently successful, not a murmur of dissatisfaction being heard, so far as we know. The winter term, however, was less prosperous. Two or three large boys persisted in taking liberties which were utterly subversive to good order. Miss Whitney temporized with them too long. They should have been reduced to submission, or compelled to leave the school. Miss Whitney has had a long and successful experience in teaching in this town, and the fact of her having committed some errors of judgment in the management of *this* term, ought not to detract from her well-earned reputation as a teacher. The closing examination gave general satisfaction.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

*Summer Term*—FANNIE H. NESMITH, Teacher.

Miss Nesmith is a good scholar, and most emphatically a *live teacher*. She rendered good service to this large and backward school.

*Winter Term*—EMMA D. PUTNAM, Teacher.

Miss Putnam is more than an average scholar and a faithful and energetic teacher. Her efforts here, however, were partially

thwarted by the disgraceful conduct of a few large boys, who set at defiance the authority of the teacher, and thereby sadly deranged the order of the school. We regard it as a mistaken leniency, both of teacher and committee, in allowing these boys to continue their connection with the school. Had they been summarily expelled, it would have been for the interest of the school. No teacher, under the most favorable circumstances, can do justice to a school of this size with such a variety of attainments. We hope to see it properly graded before another winter. Register imperfect.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

*Summer Term*—MEDIA MCILVIN, Teacher.

Miss McIlvin commenced this school with many misgivings, because of its being in her native district; but she went through with the entire term to the general satisfaction of the district and your committee. The closing examination was not exceeded in interest by any in town, and reflected much credit upon both teacher and pupils.

*Winter Term*—H. D. CHAPIN, Teacher.

In a somewhat extended experience, it has seldom been our fortune to teach a pleasanter school than this,—scholars kind and respectful, and ambitious to excel in their studies. Here are some of the best scholars in town, and some, we prophesy, that will "make their mark" in life. We aimed to make our instructions practical, giving special prominence to those branches of study which the pupil would be most likely to need in the every-day affairs of life. How far we succeeded in these efforts, the patrons of the school must decide.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

LUCRETIA M. ROBINSON, Teacher both terms.

On our first visit to this school we gave it a pretty thorough examination, and were utterly amazed to see how much ground the pupils had been over, and how little they knew of their several studies. In no other school in town did there seem to be such a lack of thoroughness. The improvement, however, at the close of the term was marked, and we are satisfied that Miss

Robinson labored faithfully and successfully. If some of the labor spent in the algebra class had been devoted to practical arithmetic and the spelling book, we think it would have been infinitely more valuable to the pupils. The classes in geography and grammar showed great improvement.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

*Summer Term*—Lilla C. Hardy, Teacher.

Miss Hardy, though very young, is a superior scholar, and has an aptitude for teaching that would do credit to a veteran. The term was prosperous, and gave unqualified satisfaction to all. Register imperfect.

*Winter Term*—Media M. McIlvin, Teacher.

The same qualities that Miss McIlvin exhibited with such marked success in No. 3, she brought to bear most effectually during this term, and if the progress was not so apparent, it was through no lack of ability or effort on her part. This is one of the most backward schools in town, and it will require extra efforts to raise it to anything like a respectable standing. Spelling, wretched.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Nellie J. Clement, Teacher both terms.

Miss Clement is an accurate and thorough scholar, and has that indomitable energy and perseverance that are sure to command success in the school room. We but echo the general sentiment of the district in saying that the school made rapid progress while under her instruction. As a teacher of arithmetic, both mental and written, Miss Clement has no superior in town.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

*Summer Term*—Mary E. Whittemore, Teacher.

Miss Whittemore sustained an excellent examination, but her extreme youth and lack of confidence in her own abilities, operated against her in the management of this school. With a little more age and experience, Miss Whittemore will make a first-class teacher.

*Winter Term*—Fannie M. Henshaw, Teacher.

We have seldom seen greater progress than was made during this term. Miss Henshaw is eminently a practical teacher. The closing examination was highly creditable, and we wish that more of the parents could have been present on the occasion. We believe there is a prudential committee in the district, but we failed to meet him during any of our visits to the school, nor do we see his name on the list of visitors in the register. Register imperfect.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

*Summer Term*—Hannah M. Champney, Teacher.

This short term of only three weeks of course accomplished but little. The conduct of one or two families, including the agent's, in keeping their children from school, and refusing to board their quota, is deserving special rebuke. Miss Champney is a well qualified and faithful teacher, and would have taught a good school, had she received that encouragement and support which was her due. There is more contention and quarreling over school matters in this little district than in the whole town besides. The effect is plainly to be seen in the backward condition of the school.

*Fall Term*—Emily F. Tuttle, Teacher.

Miss Tuttle, though young and inexperienced, did herself great credit in the management of this school. The closing examination was exceedingly interesting, and showed a reasonable progress.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

*Summer Term*—Julia J. Lewis, Teacher.

Another good teacher and a profitable term of school. In the ability to interest small children in their studies, and teach them just what they *need to know*, Miss Lewis has few equals. It is deeply to be regretted that Miss Lewis, by continued ill health, should be debarred from laboring in a sphere for which she is so pre-eminently fitted. The few parents in this district are deeply interested in their school, and they show their interest by frequent attendance in the school room.

*Winter Term*—NELLIE J. CLEMENT, Teacher.

During this term Miss Clement fully sustained the reputation accorded to her as a teacher in No 6. The general appearance of the school was good, and the instructions eminently practical and thorough.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

JENNIE E. GRAY, Teacher both terms.

Miss Gray is an excellent scholar, and taught this school with the usual good success that has characterized all her teaching. This school, though one of the smallest in town, ranks well in point of scholarship. The class in written arithmetic did not realize our expectations.

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## REMARKS.

Knowing but little in regard to the condition of the schools previous to entering upon the discharge of our duties, we cannot speak intelligently of their standing as compared with other years. But judging from the character of the teachers, as well as from a close inspection of the schools, we are inclined to the belief that substantial progress has been made. We have had a corps of earnest, faithful teachers, and, so far as teaching the text books is concerned, they have done all that could be reasonably expected of them. But the amount of schooling we receive is entirely inadequate to our wants, and to the demands of the times in which we live. How much can we expect our children to learn during these short terms of school, with so long time intervening from the close of one until the commencement of another? We need an additional term of at least ten weeks in each district, and we could have it, if proper efforts were made. We would not have the town raise more money by taxation, for we believe that all is derived from that source that the depressed condition of our finances will warrant. But those of us who have children to educate could easily support a select school for that time, and do it much cheaper than to send off at a distance to school.

We would suggest that several of the smaller districts should so arrange the time of commencing their schools that there could be an interchange of attendance from one district to the other This would make the school room interesting, and be a mutual benefit to the respective districts.

We congratulate the people of No. 1 on the completion of their beautiful school house, and believe that the money there invested will yield a rich return. It certainly is an ornament to that thriving village, and we hope will mark a new era in the educational interests of the town. Its proximity to the Hall is a matter of deep regret.

We have introduced Sanders' Readers and Spellers, not because of any particular objection to the old ones, but because the latter had been so long in use. The exchange was effected on very favorable terms, and, so far as we know, they are giving unqalified satisfaction.

A great evil from which our schools suffer is the desire of parents to push their children ahead in their studies faster than they are qualified to go. The spelling book, Colburn's Arithmetic and writing are superseded by higher and more pretentious studies. Now, what is the result? A generation is coming on the stage most shamefully deficient in these primary branches. Why, there is not a first-class speller in any school in town. I am sorry to say that our teachers are not all models in this respect. More than half the registers are sadly marred by inaccuracies in spelling. We notice "persued," "schollar," "primmer," "untill," "seris," "Jhonnie," "Guyot's Geographys," "Colboun's Arithmetic," "Brown's grammer," and many others. What a burlesque on scholarship!

Again, we regard the method of teaching arithmetic as taught in too many of our schools little less than a sheer waste of time. The pupil is taught to recite dry abstract rules and definitions, which to him are only meaningless sounds. In them he sees no relation to anything within the range of his experience, and knows nothing of their application. But he "ciphers on," only anxious to get "through the book," and when that is done he cheats himself into the belief that he knows enough of arithmetic and is prepared for something higher. We have seen classes during the past winter who had ciphered through their arithmetic,

and several of whom had been discussing abstruse problems in algebra, but on being asked the cost of twenty-eight cubic feet of wood at $9 per cord, gave answers ranging from fourteen to nine hundred dollars. To scores of other simple practical questions, we have received equally random answers. If that little jewel of an arithmetic, Colburn's First Lessons, was thoroughly mastered, we should have less fruitless groping in this important study. The text-book is good in its place, but it should be used by the teacher mostly for suggestions, and the teacher who cannot conduct a recitation without a servile dependence on it, we regard as unfit for his work.

In closing our connection with the schools in the capacity of superintendent, we cannot forbear to urge upon your attention the subject of common school education, as the most important question affecting the interests of the town. It is to the common school that the great masses of the rising generation must look for that elementary training that is to serve as a basis of a thorough education; and no community can afford to see its banner trailing in the dust. It is an institution that crossed the Atlantic with our Pilgrim Fathers, or rather it is the offspring of religious freedom, first rocked in a Plymouth cradle, since which it has traveled all over our land, the effectual ally of religion, liberty and civilization. It has the ring of true democracy about it, for it is at the public school that the children of all grades can meet on equal terms, while "merit" is the only acknowledged standard by which favors are granted or rewards distributed. Let us, then, recommend this institution by exhibiting its glorious fruits. Let parents bequeath to their children less, if need be, of gold and silver, and more of knowledge and virtue. Labor less for the "meat that perisheth," and more for developing those powers of intellect and that love of truth and rectitude which alone constitute man as made in the image of God.

We desire, in conclusion, to express our thanks to those friends who have received us so kindly to their homes, while on visits to their schools, and to the teachers and pupils throughout the town, for the uniform respect and courtesy with which we have been treated.

H. D. CHAPIN, *S. S. Committee.*

Antrim, 18th Feb., 1870.

# TABLE OF STATISTICS.

SUMMER.

| Districts. | Length. | Scholars. | Average Attendance | Tardiness. | Visits by | | | Wages and Board. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | S. S. C. | P. C. | Citizens. | |
| 1 G. | 7 | 22 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 36 | $32 00 |
| 1 P. | 7 | 33 | 30 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 41 | 30 00 |
| 2 | 9 | 36 | 33 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 60 | 28 00 |
| 3 | 8 | 15 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 22 00 |
| 4 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 24 00 |
| 5 | 7 | 17 | 13 | 14 | 2 | | 11 | 24 00 |
| 6 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 2 | | 7 | 18 00 |
| 7 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 2 | | 8 | 16 00 |
| 9 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 14 25 |
| 12 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 16 00 |
| 13 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | | 22 | 20 00 |

WINTER.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 G. | 10 | 34 | 31 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 36 | $36 00 |
| 1 P. | 7 | 30 | 27 | 11 | 2 | | 41 | 32 00 |
| 2 | 10 | 48 | 45 | 58 | 4 | 4 | 52 | 35 00 |
| 3 | 10 | 21 | 19 | 40 | 50 | 1 | 54 | 36 00 |
| 4 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 35 | 2 | 1 | 33 | 26 00 |
| 5 | 8 | 32 | 20 | 24 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 24 00 |
| 6 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 22 | 2 | | 13 | 18 00 |
| 7 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 22 | 2 | | 2 | 24 00 |
| 9 | 8 | 12 | 11 | | 2 | 1 | 29 | 16 00 |
| 12 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 30 00 |
| 13 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 20 00 |

# SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS' REPORT.

**For the Year ending February 19, 1870.**

The amount of tax list committed to Henry B. Swett, for collection was $7727 82

Paid as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| County tax, | $602 21 | |
| Non-resident highway tax wrought out, | 30 25 | |
| Sundry receipts from treasurer, | 6682 76 | |
| Taxes not collectable, | 27 15 | |
| Remaining in collector's hands | 385 45 | $7727 82 |

The auditors charge the selectmen with cash to the amount of $6588 89

And credit the selectmen as follows:

By sundry receipts from treasurer, $6588 89

*Receipts into the Treasury.*

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|---|---|---|
| From treasurer, 1868, | $2133 45 | |
| " collector " | 582 05 | |
| Selectmen, | 5804 55 | |
| Savings bank tax, | 533 09 | |
| Literary fund, | 58 00 | |
| Assigned U. S. bounty, | 180 00 | |
| L. S. Curtice, highway tax, | 8 00 | |
| F. M. Shattuck, for calf of I. Walker's, sold, | 5 25 | |
| J. W. Perkins, sale of town property, | 991 87 | |
| H. B. Swett, collector, | 6682 76 | |
| Back interest on coupons, | 97 34 | |
| Amount of bonds sold, | 16700 00 | |
| | | $33776 36 |

Paid as follows:

*School Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| J. M. Duncan, for Dist. No. 1, | $265 07 |
| H. D. Chapin, " " 2, | 162 47 |
| H. B. Swett, " " 3, | 149 85 |
| N. C. Ferry, " " 4, | 103 59 |
| S. S. Loveren, " " 5, | 59 58 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| D. McIlvin, | Dist. No. 6, | | 39 75 |
| R. P. Whittemore, | " " 7, | | 49 07 |
| B. F. Dustin, | " " 9, | | 37 01 |
| C. Hopkins, | " " 10, | | 6 59 |
| J. W. Perkins, | " " 12, | | 52 69 |
| I. M. Tuttle, | " " 13, | | 22 48 |
| David Shea, | " " 14, | | 7 75 |
| | | | $955 90 |

*Breaking Roads.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| W. Duncan, | $23 85 | N. B. Herrick, | 1 58 |
| J. D. Mathews, | 5 25 | J. Combs, | 13 13 |
| H. M. Barker, | 16 57 | D. Swett, | 12 67 |
| F. E. Gray, | 5 58 | S. Wilson, | 4 55 |
| J. G. Flint, | 13 40 | T. Flint, | 11 67 |
| D. McIlvin, | 12 75 | L. Thompson, | 18 35 |
| C. A. Conn, | 9 90 | E. F. Gould, | 16 95 |
| C. B. Cram, | 10 40 | E. I. Barker, | 29 22 |
| A. Brown, | 8 00 | M. & J. G. Wilkins, | 12 00 |
| I. M. Tuttle, | 25 05 | J. S. Senter, | 22 44 |
| S. A. Holt, | 11 40 | T. Poor, | 2 62 |
| B. F. Dustin, | 19 53 | L. S. Curtice, | 25 10 |
| D. Bass, | 15 73 | W. M. Conn, | 2 65 |
| R. B. Hopkins, | 3 00 | C. Hopkins, | 26 85 |
| A. Story, | 14 99 | H. A. Rogers, | 6 33 |
| W. R. Carr, | 9 10 | G. E. Thompson, | 23 20 |
| J. Boyd, | 6 75 | G. Turner, | 27 27 |
| J. White, | 4 80 | J. E. Tenney, | 10 20 |
| T. D. Twiss, | 24 41 | H. M. Barker, | 13 27 |
| C. H. Parmenter, | 6 09 | | |
| E. Bass, | 2 00 | | $528 60 |

*Town Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| James Boyd, State tax, | $2148 00 |
| Selectmen, building Dow bridge, | 44 63 |
| J. Combs, work on road and bridge, | 5 00 |
| J. P. Gibson, work on road, | 28 50 |
| Mary Moulton, interest, | 5 60 |
| Mary Holmes, tax on money in savings bank, | 5 07 |
| Persis Wilson, interest, | 9 00 |
| J. Wood, endorsement on note, | 250 00 |
| W. G. Roach, work on bridge, | 5 00 |
| E. F. Gould, labor on road, | 3 00 |
| A. Corey, interest, | 50 50 |
| Nancy Clark, over tax, | 3 32 |
| J. D. Mathews, labor on Forest road, | 33 25 |
| W. Duncan, labor on road, | 9 74 |
| J. Duncan, tax on money, | 4 98 |
| Betsey A. Rogers, interest, | 17 17 |
| Mary Christie, interest, | 12 77 |
| A. Fairfield, paint and oil, | 6 55 |

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| Dr. M. Christie, interest, | 23 09 |
| J. Perham, damage from defect in road, | 6 25 |
| E. C. Eastman, books and stationery, | 9 41 |
| Farnum & Scott, printing reports, | 24 00 |
| F. D. Gould, building bridge and road, | 145 00 |
| Fogg & Co., printing bonds, | 30 00 |
| E. C. Eastman, invoice book, | 6 00 |
| N. Stacy, salary, 1868, | 350 00 |
| N. Stacy, interest, | 21 00 |
| J. H. Cleaves, interest, | 13 20 |
| G. A. Cochran, labor on road, | 8 00 |
| Hannah Boutelle, interest, | 12 36 |
| O. K. Carr, labor on road and bridge, | 12 00 |
| A. A. Wyman, tax on money in savings bank, | 5 00 |
| C. H. Griffin, interest, | 12 00 |
| A. Fairfield, use of room, | 1 50 |
| T. D. Twiss, work on road, | 9 95 |
| G. F. Parmenter, services as constable, | 2 00 |
| W. R. Carr, services as sexton, | 13 00 |
| W. R. Carr, railing for bridge, | 2 33 |
| C. A. Conn, guide boards, | 1 00 |
| C. A. Conn, labor on road and bridge, | 15 00 |
| I. M. Tuttle, plank and labor, | 2 53 |
| J. G. Wilkins, labor on road, | 4 50 |
| J. S. Parmenter, care of town house, | 5 00 |
| A. Story, use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| W. Curtice, use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| D. Bass, use of watering trough, | 2 00 |
| J. S. Pamenter, services as sexton, | 9 00 |
| R. B. Hopkins, labor on road, | 4 25 |
| W. M. Conn, endorsement on note, | 302 20 |
| G. H. Cleaves, over tax, | 50 |
| J. R. Abbott & Co., linseed oil, | 8 10 |
| A. Brown, labor on highway, | 5 00 |
| G. A. Cochran, bills and notices, | 1 30 |
| T. Poor, bridge plank, | 38 90 |
| A. Fairfield, printing and nails, | 1 53 |
| W. Weston, labor on Forest road, | 33 25 |
| Alice Griffin, interest, | 74 16 |
| L. M. Wilkins, labor on road, | 4 50 |
| W. M. Conn, " " " | 1 25 |
| E. D. Putney, services as town clerk, | 18 46 |
| B. W. Sanborn, check lists and note book, | 2 25 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, work on bridge, | 15 30 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, services as sexton, | 30 00 |
| E. F. Gould, over tax, 1868, | 1 40 |
| S. Wilson, labor on road, | 10 50 |
| H. A. Rogers, plank and timber, | 5 93 |
| H. Eaton, endorsement on note, | 100 00 |
| J. M. Wilson, plank and gravel, | 3 59 |
| F. M. Shattuck, services as sexton, | 1 50 |
| M. McCoy, highway tax worked out, | 1 00 |
| L. Thompson, bridge plank, | 2 90 |

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| H. D. Chapin, S. S. Committee. | 50 00 |
| J. E. Tenney, bridge plank, | 7 15 |
| J. W. Perkins, work on bridge, | 1 50 |
| H. M. Barker, work and bridge plank, | 1 00 |
| L. H. Kimball, tax on money in savings bank. | 1 67 |
| M. True, endorsement on note, | 150 00 |
| S. S. Sawyer, services as selectman, | 75 75 |
| H. Stacy, L. D. Richardson's tax, 1866-7, | 12 62 |
| D. Steele, tax on valuation reduced, | 3 00 |
| C. H. Parmenter, poll tax, 1868, | 2 58 |
| S. Wilson, highway tax, worked out, 1868, | 6 15 |
| L. Smith, services as selectman, | 40 00 |
| J. Boyd, services as treasurer, | 110 00 |
| H. B. Swett, collector, | 50 00 |
| E. D. Putney, use of room and stationery. | 2 18 |
| F. Wood, tax reduced on Burn's mills, | 2 00 |
| G. A. Cochran, services as selectman, | 87 00 |
| R. P. Whittemore, services as auditor, | 8 00 |
| A. Fairfield, services as auditor, | 8 00 |
| | $4679 57 |

*Poor Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| M. Christie, M. D., medical services, | $19 00 |
| L. Green, nursing and clothing paupers, | 10 00 |
| J. Boyd, army blankets, | 7 50 |
| Dr. Christie, medical services, | 1 00 |
| L. Green, making bed clothes and clothing, | 2 50 |
| E. D. Putney, goods, | 21 86 |
| J. B. Woodbury, goods, | 3 36 |
| L. Green, boarding paupers, | 462 50 |
| F. M. Shattuck, keeping Walker's cow, | 5 25 |
| J. R. Goodell, aid for I. Walker, | 17 00 |
| G. P. Little, aid to O. Flanagan, | 75 |
| G. A. Cochran, overseer, | 5 00 |
| | $555 72 |

*Notes Paid.*

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|---|---|---|---|
| Eliza Wilson, | $117 08 | Mark True, | 331 71 |
| James H. Hadley, | 168 11 | " " | 392 00 |
| Hannah O. Abbott, | 1065 24 | " " | 1235 08 |
| Leonora Nichols, | 103 61 | James Wood, | 134 50 |
| James Wood, | 98 05 | " " | 212 53 |
| Mary Moulton, | 134 00 | " " | 78 63 |
| H. O. Abbott, | 638 80 | M. J. Story, | 193 15 |
| " " " | 631 23 | C. J. Whitney, Jr., | 143 04 |
| Mark True, guardian, | 267 93 | " " " " | 155 25 |
| " " " | 244 19 | John E. Hastings, | 529 88 |
| Mark True, | 286 55 | A. Robinson, | 706 52 |
| Wm. Curtice, | 787 26 | Caleb Clark, | 109 60 |
| " " | 223 52 | " " | 745 94 |
| " " | 141 50 | " " | 103 40 |
| " " | 49 63 | Azubah Clark, | 337 23 |

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| Azubah Clark, | 41 36 | Wm. N. Tuttle, | 103 36 |
| Nancy Clark, | 114 06 | Wm. M. Conn, | 320 59 |
| " " | 62 04 | Daniel Holt, | 188 83 |
| Hannah Clark, | 259 00 | " " | 86 05 |
| Daniel Story, | 313 35 | R. P. Saltmarsh, | 265 04 |
| " " | 327 75 | Leonora Nichols, | 192 08 |
| " " | 576 68 | Isaiah W. Sweetser, | 414 03 |
| " " | 391 22 | Morris Christie, | 141 55 |
| Edmund Sawyer, | 452 43 | " " | 182 02 |
| " " | 504 19 | " " | 189 97 |
| " " | 175 36 | T. M. Page, | 1242 80 |
| " " | 175 11 | Mary Christie, | 878 17 |
| " " | 127 08 | " " | 132 92 |
| Thos. S. Holmes, | 340 63 | J. W. Dodge, | 110 64 |
| R S. Chesmore, | 425 56 | D. M. Stacy, | 66 96 |
| Caroline Wilson, | 425 56 | Orrell Abbott, | 102 65 |
| P. Parmenter, | 33 17 | J. A. Tuttle, | 108 64 |
| " " | 351 17 | C. Boutelle, | 177 59 |
| J. W. Perkins, | 205 87 | " " | 424 85 |
| Morris Christie, | 265 45 | Eben Jones, | 414 40 |
| " " | 741 63 | Hiram Griffin, | 179 14 |
| Chas. E. Eaton, | 207 23 | John S. Shed, | 462 15 |
| Reuben Boutelle, | 105 05 | Samuel Wood, | 577 10 |
| Mary E. Tuttle, | 626 10 | Hannah G. Holt, | 53 05 |
| Alonzo Tuttle, | 103 55 | Amos Corey, | 205 26 |
| John Goodell, | 214 88 | R. P. Saltmarsh, | 497 02 |
| James Beazly, | 248 92 | | |
| | | | $25,896 43 |

*Finances of the Town.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hiram Griffin, | $1000 00 | Hiram Eaton, | 332 55 |
| " " | 400 00 | Mark W. Fuller, | 1500 00 |
| " " | 100 00 | Imla Wright, exr., | 195 77 |
| Chas. H. Griffin, | 200 00 | N. B. Herrick, | 100 00 |
| Augusta S. Carr, | 60 00 | Edmund Sawyer, | 500 00 |
| Samuel Wood, | 375 58 | Mark True, | 861 00 |
| Geo. L. Herrick, | 268 92 | James Beazly, | 500 00 |
| A. Fairfield, | 176 50 | " " | 300 00 |
| James Wood, | 132 00 | " " | 75 00 |
| " " | 171 77 | H. P. Ramsey, | 523 00 |
| Mary D. Nesmith, | 100 00 | A. L. Pike, | 100 00 |
| J. Hills, | 400 00 | J. H. Cleaves, | 220 00 |
| Alice Griffin, | 600 00 | Nancy B. Muzzey, | 40 00 |
| Imla Wright, | 200 00 | Betsey A. Rogers, | 93 00 |
| Thos. Thompsom, | 50 00 | " " " | 93 00 |
| " " | 150 00 | L. Campbell, | 200 00 |
| Ella M. Pike, | 50 00 | Mary Moulton, | 134 00 |
| " " " | 50 00 | Milton McCoy, | 300 00 |
| E. Z. Hastings, | 100 00 | Wm. N. Tuttle, | 103 36 |
| Persis Wilson, | 150 00 | Wm. M. Conn, | 320 59 |
| | | | |
| Amount of notes against the town, | | | $11,226 04 |

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| Brought forward, | $11,226 04 |
| Amount of bonds sold, | 16,700 00 |
| Interest due, | 700 00 |
| Due School District No. 8, | 37 01 |
| " " " " 10, | 27 90 |
| " " " " 11, | 36 95 |
| Total amount of liabilities, | $28,727 90 |
| In the treasury, | 821 14 |
| In collector's hands, | 385 45 |
| Amount of notes and accounts, and property unsold, | 664 80 |
| | $1,871 39 |
| Whole amount of liabilities, | $28,727 90 |
| Due the town, | 1,871 39 |
| Whole amount of town debt, | $26,856 51 |
| Town debt Feb. 20, 1869, | $27,587 64 |
| " " " 19, 1870, | 26,856 51 |
| Reduced, | $731 13 |

All of which is respectfully submitted by

GEO. A. COCHRAN, }
LEANDER SMITH, } Selectmen of
S. S. SAWYER, } Antrim.

REED P. WHITTEMORE, }
ALMUS FAIRFIELD, } Auditors.

February 19, 1870.

# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

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|---|---|
| Paid for poor at L. Green's, | $527 72 |
| Aid for Isaac Walker, | 22 25 |
| Geo. P. Little, aid Flanagan, | 75 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, overseer, | 5 00 |
| Whole cost of poor, | $555 72 |
| Paid for aid to county paupers, | $89 05 |
| Received from county, | 89 05 |

Reuben Butters, Betsey Swain, and Almira E. Tuttle were boarded at Lewis Green's, the past year, at an expense of $527 72.

Respectfully submitted by

GEO. A. COCHRAN, Overseer.

# SCHOOL

AND

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF

## ANTRIM, N. H.,

RENDERED

MARCH 1st, 1871.

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PETERBORO':
TRANSCRIPT OFFICE, - - FARNUM & SCOTT, PROPRIETORS.
1871.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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FELLOW CITIZENS:—We have the honor to submit the following, which we believe to be a correct report of the condition and progress of your schools, during the year ending March, 1871:

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

*Grammar Department.*

Miss MARY F. SAWYER, Teacher both terms.

A live teacher, with willing pupils, will always make a good school, and in this school we find the rule made good. Both terms were thoroughly successful, and so far as we know, satisfactory to all concerned. Through the entire terms the scholars were diligent, and the teacher's work was performed faithfully. Examinations were well attended by parents and friends, who will testify to the good appearance of the school.

*Primary Department—Summer Term.*

Miss NELLIE BLANCHARD, Teacher.

This was Miss Blanchard's first attempt as teacher; but feeling a strong desire to succeed she went to work with a will, and the first half of the term was marked by a good degree of improvement, but like very many young teachers she failed to maintain good order, and the last half was not so successful as we could have wished. The teacher labored faithfully, and with a little more discipline the school would have been one of profit.

*Winter Term*—Miss MARY F. SAWYER, Teacher.

With Miss Sawyer at its head, the school made good progress during this term, and closed with one of the best examinations we ever attended in a primary school.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss SERENA P. WHITNEY, Teacher both terms.

The reputation which Miss Whitney has gained as a teacher, is such that we need not comment upon the progress of this school while under her tuition. But during the winter term the school was too large for one teacher to do justice to all the pupils, there being work enough for two. The examinations were good, and the order during both terms was above criticism.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss A. J. KIDDER, Teacher both terms.

Miss Kidder is emphatically a live teacher. The summer term was a success, and the winter term would have been the same, had not several large scholars taken it upon themselves to make a foolish display of "Young Americanism," to their own disgrace and the injury of the school. Three of the *leading spirits* left, and order was restored, and the term closed, as did the summer term, with a good appearance and indications of faithful labor on the part of the teacher.

It is to be regretted that parents and patrons of our schools will not see that their own children, and those living in their families, go to school and behave as they ought. It is abusive to a good teacher, especially so to a lady, to send large boys to school and have them conduct as some did in this school, during the winter term.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

*Summer Term*—Miss MARTHA SHATTUCK, Teacher.

In this school we find an earnest faithful teacher, and as a natural sequence we have a good school. Although small in numbers, the school appeared well in every respect, and the ef-

forts put forth on the part of all, both teacher and scholars, were on the principle that "whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing *well.*"

*Winter Term*—Mr. David Starrett, Teacher.

Mr. Starrett is a teacher such as we wish were more plenty in our schools,—a *practical* teacher. He labored to make all his instructions as practical as possible, and to lead the minds of the pupils out of the text books, into a train of thoughts more nearly connected with real life. The term was one of hard work, and work that was profitable. Examination was conducted without reference to the text books, by either teacher or pupils.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

*Summer Term*—Miss Lilla C. Hardy, Teacher.

This was Miss Hardy's second term as teacher in this school, and as she came back with the good will of her pupils, which she had gained before, the term was prosperous from the beginning. Miss Hardy has a good faculty for winning the love of her pupils, and this being gained there is no further trouble. Examination was good, but like many of our schools, was poorly attended by parents and friends.

*Winter Term*—Mr. J. Frank Tenney, Teacher.

A beginner in the work, Mr. Tenney labored hard for his pupils; the desire uppermost in his mind, being to make the term a profitable one to them, and to those who wished to learn, it was profitable. The teacher's labors were faithful and earnest, and with a more prompt co-operation on the part of the parents, the term would have been an entire success; but a teacher cannot do every thing, let him labor never so hard. The closing examination was worthy of a much larger attendance of parents and friends.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

*Summer Term*—Miss Nellie J. Clement, Teacher.

Miss Clement was one of our most active, and efficient teachers. A school under her tuition could but make good progress.

The term closed unexpectedly on account of sickness in the teacher's family, but what we saw during two visits was perfectly satisfactory.

Miss Clement was engaged to teach the fall term, but her own sickness and death prevented. All who knew her, especially those who knew her in the school room, can but deeply regret that by her death, the world has lost one of the most earnest workers, and faithful and efficient teachers. Her uniform kindness, and cheerful countenance in the school room, will ever be fresh in the memory of those who have been under her instruction.

*Fall Term*—Miss NELLIE BLANCHARD, Teacher.

Profiting by her experience in No. 1, Miss Blanchard entered upon her duties here with the ease that only experience can give one in the school room, and this was a good term of school; teacher and scholars worked together, and good progress was made. Examination was good, but poorly attended by members of the district.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

*Summer Term*—Miss E. M. CLEMENT, Teacher.

Miss Clement, although quiet, is still a good teacher; her work is done without much ado, but is done *well*, as the progress of the school demonstrated.

So far as we know, this is the only term in town during which the teacher had no occasion to mark a scholar for whispering. This speaks well for both teacher and pupils.

*Winter Term*—Miss FRANKIE EMERSON, Teacher.

No one visiting this school could fail to see that there was a good degree of interest manifested throughout the entire term. One large boy succeeded in making the term a little unpleasant, but aside from this, the term was pleasant and profitable. We hope that such large boys will be "treated" at home in future, and not sent to school to disturb those who wish to learn.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Mary A. Dow, Teacher. (*One Term.*)

The one thing to be regretted in regard to this school is, that its size did not more nearly correspond with the capacity of the teacher, for Miss Dow is well qualified to take charge of a much larger school. A school of one scholar would naturally be supposed to be a dull place to visit, but in this instance it was far from being so, as all those who visited it will testify.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Nettie Fairfield, Teacher, *both terms.*

This school is rather backward, but by energetic efforts, which Miss Fairfield, although a beginner, put forth, it was enabled to make good progress during both terms. Some unpleasant feelings arose among the scholars, which for a time broke in upon the harmony of the school, but it was in no way connected with the government of the school, and no blame is attached to the teacher, so far as we are informed; but in the main the terms were pleasant, and closed with indications of earnest work.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Miss Amy T. Tenney, Teacher. (*One Term.*)

In this school we find another novice in the work, and also a successful *debut* as teacher. In spite of her being yet young to commence teaching, Miss Tenney has the right spirit for a teacher, and the past term shows that she knows well how to use it for the best good of her pupils. The school was small but diligent, and made a degree of progress which showed that *work* had been the order of the day, and the term was a successful one. Examination good, but poorly attended by interested friends, or friends who ought to be interested.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

*Summer Term*—Miss Julia J. Lewis, Teacher.

Miss Lewis is a thorough scholar and a superior teacher,

well capable of taking charge of one of our first schools, if her health would allow.

The term was one of thorough progress and perfect harmony; the pupils were few in number, but well disposed and earnest in their studies. By Miss Lewis' continued feeble health, the world will lose an earnest, efficient teacher.

*Winter Term*—Miss EMILY TUTTLE, Teacher.

A school where the teacher has won the love of the pupils can but be a success, and such a school we find here.

During three visits in this school, we do not remember an instance of one of the scholars being reproved, and every thing was in perfect keeping with the infrequency of reproof. The scholars all worked with a wish to please the teacher, and the consequence was, the term was a good one in every respect.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

Miss FRANKIE CHASE, Teacher. (*One Term.*)

This school is under the united supervision of the towns of Antrim and Hillsboro', but situated in the latter ~~town~~ [illegible]. The term was long, and we believe thoroughly profitable. Miss Chase is well calculated to win the respect of her pupils, and to maintain an interest in the school room that shall result in much good to all under her instruction.

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## REMARKS.

In assuming the duties of Superintendent of your schools, we labored under the disadvantage of entire ignorance in regard to their condition; and our report must necessarily be wholly independent of former ones, from the fact that a comparative opinion cannot be given; but, by frequent visitations, and close observation in each, we hope we are enabled to give a *just* report of their standing and progress during the past year.

One change has been made in the text books. Brown's Grammar, having been in use for upwards of ten years, and being considered by good judges to be inferior to later works, Greene's

Grammar has been substituted in its place, a change which we think will be for the benefit of every school; the introduction price was reasonable, and the change was made with little or no disturbance. There should be a change made in Arithmetics, as Greenleaf's Common School is getting somewhat antiquated.

As a whole, the school houses throughout the town are in good repair and comfortable, but additions to their beauty might be made by a few coats of paint on some of them; and the comfort of the teacher might be promoted by placing at least two good substantial chairs in each house.

The duties of Superintending School Committee have been made comparatively easy and very pleasant by having so earnest and hard-working a corps of teachers—as a class, they have been superior, not only in scholarship, but in abilities to impart knowledge to others.

In looking over the several reports, we can but be disappointed to find that the visits of the prudential committee in most of the districts are so strikingly like angels' visits to earth. About one-half of our teachers go through the entire term of school without being visited by the man who hired him or her; and very few are favored with more than one visit. Now this ought not so to be; it is not just to the teacher, district, or town. In other matters we are apt to watch well those whom we hire to work for us, and if we find them doing well, we encourage them as we see opportunity, and advise as we see that there is need; but the school teacher must plod along alone, or nearly so, when this is the very person whom we ought to watch most carefully, and help most earnestly—watch, lest wrong ideas be given those under their charge; help, because theirs is a work of perplexities, and one of great responsibilities, the results of which will last as long as time. The material with which they deal is easily shaped, either for good or evil. As the sculptor takes the marble in its natural roughness, and brings forth from it either a beautiful statue or a misshapen caricature, according to his taste or ability, so the teacher takes the young mind entrusted to his care, and molds it, in a measure, according to his own ideal of life. Impressions made at school are hard to be erased from the memory, hence the great need of good, earnest teachers, and the careful watching of them by those who are most deeply interested, on account of their

having children in the school ; and good teachers should have the undivided support of all for whom they labor.

The schools in town have been visited quite well during the past year, but there is still room for improvement, and we hope improvement will be made at an early day.

It is to be regretted that our schools are no longer, or that we do not have more terms during the year ; but three of our summer terms were over eight weeks in length, and the winter terms were not of a proper length, as a whole.

In eight weeks scholars but get fairly to work, and must then leave off, some of them for the remainder of the year, and most of them for several months ; during the long intervals between the terms, most of what has been learned is forgotten, or, if remembered, it is in such a dim, confused state as to be of but little practical use. In the neighboring States more schooling is given to the young than here. The Old Granite State ought not to be allowed to fall in the rear in this respect. One step has been taken by our legislature, during the year, toward placing our State on an equal footing with other States, in matters of education. A Normal School has been established for the more thorough instruction and especial education of teachers, and we hope that ere long its influence will be felt here in our town, and that all who can will avail themselves of the advantages it offers.

It seems wrong that any should miss of a good education in our land of free schools, and all, or nearly all, *may* have one if they will make the effort. The money used in getting an education is but put out at interest, on which a large percentage will be paid, and he who empties his purse into his head is putting his money into a bank that death alone can rob. It is our system of education that has caused it to be said of New England, " this is not a *copy*, but a grand original," and if we would sustain this, and hand it down to *worthy* hands in the future, we must sustain our schools, for herein are all of our future statesmen and leaders; and if we would sustain our schools, we must work together, and be as one in thought and action on this subject, and those whom we place at the head of our schools must be assisted by our earnest co-operation, and in this way bring our schools up to that high standard of excellence which they ought to attain ; and, having reached that, let them be held there, and then will our

future and the future of our country be safe from spot or stain, and those who are now but beginners in the warfare of life will be strong, efficient warriors, and shielded by the strong armor of conscious integrity and self-reliance, and a firm trust in the God who gave them a being, they will go on striking their great, honest blows on the side of right while they live, and when they die, the world will be better for their having lived, and their good works will be a monument that will stand as long as the world stands.

We cannot close this report and our connections with the schools, without expressing our thanks to all who have helped to make our duties pleasant, and to the teachers and pupils especially are our thanks due for their uniform kindness and respect shown during our visits to their respective schools.

J. R. KIMBALL, *S. S. Committee.*

Antrim, Feb. 24, 1871.

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

SUMMER TERMS.

| Districts. | Length. | No. of Scholars. | Average Attendance. | Tardiness. | Visits by S. S. C. | Visits by P. C. | Visits by Citizens. | Wages and Board. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 G. | 8 | 24 | 23 | 47 | 3 | | 26 | $32 00 |
| 1 P. | 8 | 25 | 22 | | 3 | | 50 | 24 00 |
| 2 | 9 | 36 | 32 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 49 | 30 00 |
| 3 | 8 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 31 | 22 00 |
| 4 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 20 00 |
| 5 | 7 | 15 | 12 | 30 | 3 | | 21 | 24 00 |
| 6 | 4½ | 15 | 13 | 12 | 2 | | 10 | 22 00 |
| 7 | 8 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 3 | | 3 | 10 00 |
| 8 | 7 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 16 | 10 00 |
| 9 | 6 | 14 | 12 | 5 | 3 | | 25 | 11 00 |
| 10 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 42 | 4 | 1 | 26 | 16 00 |
| 12 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | 15 | 12 00 |

WINTER TERMS.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 G. | 9 | 24 | 21 | 31 | 3 | | 50 | $36 00 |
| 1 P. | 9½ | 27 | 25 | 51 | 2 | | 21 | 28 00 |
| 2 | 9 | 53 | 45 | 24 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 38 00 |
| 3 | 13 | 21 | 19 | 56 | 6 | 1 | 53 | 29 00 |
| 4 | 11 | 18 | 15 | 51 | 3 | 2 | 35 | 38 00 |
| 5 | 11 | 19 | 16 | | 3 | 1 | 30 | 16 00 |
| 6 | 10 | 14 | 11 | | 3 | 1 | 22 | 22 00 |
| 7 | 11 | 18 | 15 | 32 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 25 00 |
| 9 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 20 | 3 | | 23 | 19 00 |
| 12 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 3 | | 24 | 21 00 |
| 13 | 16 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 26 00 |

# SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS' REPORT.

## For the Year ending March 1, 1871.

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| The amount of tax committed to Sylvester Little for collection, | | $8415 11 |
| Interest collected on taxes, | | 37 00 |
| | | $8452 11 |
| Paid as follows: | | |
| Sundry receipts from Treasurer, | $8173 11 | |
| Remaining in Collector's hands, | 242 00 | |
| Interest on taxes paid to Treasurer, | 37 00 | —$8452 11 |
| The Auditors charge the Selectmen with cash to the amount of | | $11842 04 |
| And credit the Selectmen as follows: | | |
| By sundry receipts from Treasurer, | | $11842 04 |

*Receipts into the Treasury.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From Treasurer of 1869, | $821 14 | |
| Collector, 1869, | 385 45 | |
| Selectmen, | 11842 04 | |
| Sale of town property, | 210 97 | |
| Sylvester Little, Collector, | 8173 11 | |
| Back interest on coupons, | 4 53 | |
| Amount of bonds sold, | 800 00 | |
| Interest on unpaid taxes, | 37 00 | |
| Savings Bank tax, | 897 26 | |
| Literary Fund, | 67 28 | —$23238 78 |

Paid as follows:

*School Orders.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| R. S. Symonds, for Dist. No. 1, | | $274 87 |
| H. B. Newman, | " " 2, | 176 32 |
| Wm. Stacy, | " " 3, | 149 42 |
| F. M. Shattuck, | " " 4, | 110 34 |
| Wm R. Carr, | " " 5, | 67 72 |
| J. G. Wilkins, | " " 6, | 47 90 |
| E. F. Gould, | " " 7, | 56 57 |
| H. E. Dutton, | " " 8, | 35 44 |
| B. F. McIlvin, | " " 9, | 41 52 |
| Lewis Green, | " " 10, | 34 84 |

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| J. W. Perkins, for District No. 12, | | $55 69 |
| I. M. Tuttle, | " " 13, | 29 28 |
| J. D. Mathews, | " " 14, | 8 01 |
| | | $1088 92 |

*Breaking Roads.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| S. S. Sawyer, | $3 78 | Wm. M. Conn, | 15 55 |
| E. I. Barker, | 35 87 | I. M. Tuttle, | 16 00 |
| Samuel Wilson, | 22 80 | Wm. Curtis, | 20 20 |
| H. M. Barker, | 29 36 | C. B. Cram, | 15 55 |
| C. F. Whitney, | 34 00 | Amos Dodge, | 21 60 |
| J. M. Wilson, | 23 47 | R. B. Hopkins, | 18 24 |
| W. R. Carr, | 5 25 | S. A. Holt, | 9 45 |
| Geo. Turner, | 25 35 | Jesse Combs, | 8 02 |
| J. W. Perkins, | 11 75 | T. D. Twiss, | 10 50 |
| N. B. Herrick, | 5 00 | C. A. Conn, | 44 06 |
| Mark True, | 8 69 | R. P. Saltmarsh, | 5 29 |
| Thomas Poor, | 11 47 | L. M. Wilkins, | 6 45 |
| W. R. Carr, | 1 20 | Charles Sawyer, | 2 15 |
| Wm. M. Conn, | 2 47 | Jonas White, | 4 20 |
| H. A. Rogers, | 3 52 | J. E. Tenney, | 12 60 |
| J. D. Mathews, | 7 25 | | |
| J. P. Gibson, | 13 35 | | $470 74 |
| Eben Bass, | 15 80 | | |

*Town Orders.*

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|---|---|
| F. M. Shattuck, repairing bridge, | $6 18 |
| Edmund Sawyer, bridge plank, | 18 00 |
| Selectmen, rebuilding Branch bridge, | 385 50 |
| Wm. G. Roach, bridge plank, | 25 07 |
| Selectmen, labor on highway, | 16 05 |
| " " " | 28 60 |
| S. S. Sawyer, services as selectman, | 44 95 |
| Persis Wilson, endorsement on note, | 50 00 |
| Warde & Co., iron, steel, and express, | 4 40 |
| Farnum & Scott, printing reports, | 24 00 |
| B. W. Sanborn & Co., books and stationery, | 11 75 |
| Geo. D. Dresser, poll tax abated, | 2 50 |
| Charles Sawyer, labor on road, | 3 00 |
| A. L. Pike, interest, | 16 40 |
| E. F. Gould, bridge plank, | 3 32 |
| Imla Wright, exr., interest, | 4 31 |
| R. S. Simonds, guide boards, | 2 00 |
| G. M. Duncan, gravel and powder, | 2 40 |
| Hannah E. Foster, tax on money in savings bank, | 5 64 |
| C. W. Roach, bridge plank, | 34 69 |
| G. A. Cochran, work on Cork bridge, | 19 61 |
| O. K. Carr, labor on Loveren bridge, | 6 00 |
| N. B. Herrick, work on road, | 11 50 |
| Wm. M. Conn, stringers for bridge, | 4 00 |
| Wm. Stacy, labor on highway, | 5 60 |
| I. M. Tuttle, labor on highway, | 21 80 |
| C. B. Cram, labor on highway, | 2 00 |

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| O. K. Carr, bridge plank, | 32 56 |
| Morris Christie, damage on highway, | 5 00 |
| Morris Christie, overtax on bank stock, | 7 52 |
| G. M. Duncan, labor on road, | 75 |
| H. M. Davis, lumber, | 2 50 |
| David Hunt, gravel and labor, | 8 00 |
| Wm. Weston, labor on Forest road, | 10 50 |
| Persis Wilson, interest, | 7 50 |
| J. Hill, interest, | 49 44 |
| A. R. Barker, plank and labor, | 4 00 |
| Wm. R. Carr, sheep killed by dog, | 3 00 |
| Edmund Sawyer, labor on McIlvin bridge, | 6 35 |
| Ira Holmes, bridge plank, | 24 00 |
| Ira Holmes, labor on highway, | 12 63 |
| A. Fairfield, printing blanks, | 1 65 |
| A. Fairfield, nails, | 2 59 |
| A. Fairfield, use of room, | 1 50 |
| Mark W. Fuller, endorsement on note, | 400 00 |
| O. K. Carr, labor on highway, | 2 90 |
| H. O. Abbott, endorsement on note, | 507 75 |
| J. G Flint, work on Curtis bridge, | 2 05 |
| Mary D. Nesmith, interest, | 15 75 |
| L. S. Curtis, lumber, | 2 00 |
| James Boyd, State tax, | 2148 00 |
| N. B. Herrick, labor on highway, | 5 25 |
| Ambrose Stacy, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| B. F. Kidder, plank and labor, | 1 35 |
| J. S. Parmenter, care of town house, | 5 00 |
| J. S. Parmenter, sexton, | 12 50 |
| M. B. McIlvin, labor on highway. | 4 50 |
| M. B. McIlvin, sexton and constable, | 5 00 |
| D. M. Stacy, labor on highway, | 7 00 |
| B. F. McIlvin, labor on highway, | 6 48 |
| Wm. Curtis, watering trough and stone, | 4 00 |
| B. W. Sanborn, check lists, | 75 |
| James Boyd, county tax, | 677 49 |
| Wm. Stacy, repairing roads, | 8 90 |
| R. B. Hopkins, labor on road, | 1 71 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, sexton, | 7 00 |
| J. M. Wilson, work and plank, | 3 00 |
| E. D. Putney, services as Town Clerk, | 18 48 |
| John Emery, poll tax in 1868, | 2 58 |
| Daniel Swett, labor on highway, | 1 00 |
| Hiram Combs, sheep killed by dog, | 2 50 |
| R. S. Simonds, painting guide boards, | 1 50 |
| ——— Sargent, printing notices, | 3 50 |
| J. R. Abbott & Co., bridge plank, | 12 68 |
| John Emery, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| J. D. Mathews, labor on Forest road, | 7 25 |
| J. R. Kimball, services as Sup. School Committee, | 75 00 |
| James Boyd, services as Treasurer, | 65 00 |
| Leander Smith, services as Selectman, | 65 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, services as Selectman, | 100 00 |
| Sylvester Little, services as Collector, | 69 00 |
| J. H. Dinsmore, work on road, | 3 00 |

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| Harvey Stacy, non-resident highway tax wrought out, | 1 34 |
| E. D. Putney, stationery and use of room, | 3 00 |
| Elias B. Smith, abatement of tax, | 3 82 |
| Sarah Sawyer, abatement of tax, | 4 71 |
| L. H. Brooks, use of stone tools, | 2 75 |
| H. B. Swett, Collector for 1869, taxes not collectable, | 7 29 |
| S. Little, Collector, non-resident highway tax wrought out, | 40 09 |
| Almus Fairfield, services as Auditor, | 8 00 |
| R. P. Whittemore, services as Auditor, | 8 00 |
| | $5279 63 |

*Poor Orders.*

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|---|---|
| Lewis Green, boarding paupers, | $458 25 |
| Lewis Green, making clothes for paupers, | 7 55 |
| E. D. Putney, clothing for paupers, | 26 63 |
| H. B. Hopkins, aid to Mrs. Smith, | 2 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, Overseer of Poor, | 8 00 |
| | $502 43 |

*Notes Paid.*

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|---|---|---|---|
| Persis Wilson, | $100 00 | Helen P. Ramsey, | 661 26 |
| Milton McCoy, | 321 60 | James Wood, | 203 41 |
| Imla Wright, Exr., | 200 00 | Hiram Eaton, | 282 11 |
| Mark True, | 1017 04 | Hannah O. Abbott, | 500 00 |
| Almus Fairfield, | 197 66 | Mark W. Fuller, | 1230 81 |
| Thomas Thompson, | 64 85 | James Bazley, | 670 05 |
| Mary D. Nesmith, | 100 00 | James Bazley, | 386 60 |
| Ella M. Pike, | 60 69 | James Bazley, | 335 52 |
| Ella M. Pike, | 58 01 | Luther Campbell, | 224 09 |
| James Wood, | 147 42 | A. Lincoln Pike, | 100 00 |
| Imla Wright, | 283 68 | Augusta S. Carr, | 65 38 |
| N. B. Herrick, | 511 00 | Nathaniel B. Herrick, | 111 12 |
| Betsey A. Rogers, | 97 55 | Alice Griffin, | 655 81 |
| Hiram Griffin, | 435 73 | Charles H. Griffin, | 204 80 |
| Hiram Griffin, | 1089 32 | Hiram Griffin, | 503 08 |
| Hiram Griffin, | 107 09 | Hiram Griffin, | 132 95 |
| Jeremiah Hills, | 400 00 | Edmund Sawyer, | 514 25 |
| Betsey A. Rogers, | 101 56 | John H. Cleaves, | 231 88 |
| Thomas Thompson, | 180 43 | | |
| Geo. L. Herrick, | 306 68 | | $12793 43 |

*Finances of the Town.*

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|---|---|---|---|
| E. Z. Hastings, | $100 00 | Mark True, | 1017 04 |
| Nancy B. Muzzey, | 40 00 | Thomas Thompson, | 245 28 |
| Mary Moulton, | 134 00 | Betsey A. Rogers, | 199 11 |
| Wm. N. Tuttle, | 103 36 | Imla Wright, exr., | 200 00 |
| Wm. M. Conn, | 320 59 | A. Lincoln Pike, | 100 00 |
| Samuel Wood, | 375 58 | Augusta S. Carr, | 36 38 |
| Anna Fletcher, | 400 00 | Imla Wright, | 283 68 |
| Almus Fairfield, | 197 66 | Helen P. Ramsey, | 661 26 |
| Hiram Griffin, | 1000 00 | Milton McCoy, | 321 66 |
| Ella M. Pike, | 118 70 | Persis Wilson, | 100 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| James Wood, | 350 83 | James Bazley, | 1392 17 |
| Mark W. Fuller, | 1230 81 | Hannah O. Abbott, | 500 00 |
| Jane Hill, | 400 00 | Hiram Eaton, | 282 11 |
| Mary D. Nesmith, | 100 00 | Luther Campbell, | 224 09 |
| George L. Herrick, | 306 68 | | |
| Nath. B. Herrick, | 511 00 | | $11280 99 |

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| Amount of notes against the town, | $11280 99 |
| Amount of Bonds sold, | 17500 00 |
| Interest due, | 350 00 |
| Due district No. 11, | 38 22 |
| Due Josiah Loveren for plank, | 10 44 |
| Total amount of liabilities, | $29179 65 |
| In the Treasury, | $2089 63 |
| In Collector's hands, | 242 00 |
| Due from sale of poor farm property, | 453 83 |
| | $2785 46 |
| Whole amount of liabilities, | $29179 65 |
| Due the town, | 2785 46 |
| Whole amount of town debt, | $26394 19 |
| Town debt, March 1, 1870, | $26856 51 |
| " " " " 1871, | 26394 19 |
| Reduced, | $462 32 |
| Notes not reported in 1870, | 629 16 |
| Making the actual reduction of debt the past year, | $1091 48 |

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

GEORGE A. COCHRAN, } *Selectmen of*
LEANDER SMITH, } *Antrim.*

REED P. WHITTEMORE, } *Auditors.*
ALMUS FAIRFIELD, }

Antrim, March 1, 1871.

# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

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|---|---|
| Paid L. Green for boarding paupers, | $458 25 |
| Clothing for paupers, | 34 18 |
| H. B. Hopkins, aid to Mrs. Smith, | 2 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, Overseer, | 8 00 |
| Whole cost of poor, | $502 43 |

Paupers boarded at Lewis Green's the past year: Reuben Butters, Betsey Swain, and Almira Tuttle. Laonia Walker boarded since September, 1870.

Respectfully submitted, by

GEORGE A. COCHRAN, *Overseer.*

# SCHOOL

AND

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF THE

# TOWN OF ANTRIM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

# 1872.

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1872.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—I have the honor to submit the following report of your schools, for the year ending March, 1872 :

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

*Grammar Department—Summer Term.*

Miss EDITH L. JACKSON, Teacher.

This is the only graded school in town, and the people in the district see the advantages of the grading system, in the rapid and thorough progress made by the pupils since the school has been thus divided. This term was no exception to the rule, that graded schools make the best advancement. Miss Jackson is an earnest worker, and a thorough, systematic teacher ; the scholars were interested in their studies and worked with a will to improve. During three visits in the school, the scholars were all at work, and steady progress was made during the whole term. The examination was very good, and well attended.

Miss Jackson taught a term of school in this district in the spring, giving good satisfaction to all who attended. A fall term was also taught by Miss Kate Duncan, which, like the spring term, was a success.

*Winter Term.*

Miss MARY F. SAWYER, Teacher.

Miss Sawyer has taught this school several terms before with marked success, and this was but a continuation of her former success. The term was pleasant and profitable through its entire length, and closed with a good examination, which was quite well attended by friends and patrons.

*Primary Department.*

Miss EMILY F. TUTTLE, Teacher both terms.

Miss Tuttle is really the right person in the right place, as all must admit who visited her school. A primary school is proverbially a hard one; but in this instance, the teacher proved herself equal to the emergency. She managed her school in a quiet, undemonstrative way, yet one that was effectual and at the same time pleasant. The school made good progress during both terms. The order (which is the most difficult part of such schools), was good. Examination good and well attended.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

*Summer Term.*

Mrs. MARTHA J. TUTTLE, Teacher.

Mrs. Tuttle is a faithful teacher, and one having a strong desire for the improvement of those under her charge, and is willing to work that she may see her desire accomplished. This school is too large for one teacher to do full justice to, yet a good degree of progress was made during most of the term. The interest seemed a little less during the last part. If the school had been divided, thus having less in number, it would have been much easier to keep up a lively interest and make more rapid progress.

*Winter Term.*

Miss MARY F. KNOWLTON, Teacher.

With so efficient and active a teacher as Miss Knowlton at its head, the school (like the summer term), although too large, yet made good, thorough progress. The school appeared and worked well during its entire length. Miss Knowlton is a thorough teacher, and a school under her charge can but be successful; still, success in so large a school is gained only by a great amount of hard labor.

A fall term was taught, with good succes, in this district, by Miss Tuttle, of No. 1.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

*Summer Term.*

Miss L. C. HARDY, Teacher.

In this school we find a first-class teacher; earnest, pleasant and thorough. Her discipline was good, sustained through the love of her pupils, rather than by fear of punishment.

The term was a success, thoroughness marking its every step. The scholars were diligent in their studies, and made good progress.

*Winter Term.*

H. D. CHAPIN, Teacher.

The reputation which Mr. Chapin has justly gained as a teacher, and the experience he has had in over seventy terms of school, are sufficient to warrant good progress in a school under his leadership. This term was one of much practical value to the scholars, as the examination demonstrated.

I never remember hearing so many and so great a variety of mental and practical questions solved with so much promptness and accuracy, as was done here. Such practical exercises are what we want in all our schools.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Mr. DAVID STARRETT, Teacher. *One Term.*

Fortunately for the school, the same teacher who taught here last winter, was secured for this winter. The same can be said of this, as of the teacher in No. 3. He is a practical teacher, and such I wish might be in every school. As the school has been lengthened several weeks, there has been no examination as yet; but during several visits, the appearance of the school was perfectly satisfactory.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

*Summer Term.*

Miss NETTIE FAIRFIELD, Teacher.

This school needs very much urging to keep it at work profitably. In some respects it is rather backward. Miss Fairfield

labored hard to make it a profitable term to her pupils, and by constant and persistent efforts, the school was kept working steadily, until at the examination it was found that good progress had been made. Not one of the parents were present at the examination.

*Winter Term.*

Mr. G. F. Western, Teacher.

This was the teacher's first school. He went to work with a good will and full determination to succeed. He met with the same difficulty that the summer teacher did—want of ambition with some of the pupils. His method of instruction was good, and he aimed to make every thing clearly understood before it was passed over. The term was profitably, and for the most part, pleasantly spent. The examination was unattended by parents.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Kate Preston, Teacher both terms.

Miss Preston was also a beginner in the work, but with a clear idea of the duties of the teacher, she commenced her work like a veteran in the ranks. Her labors were characterized by promptness and thoroughness; rapid improvement was made. Her first examination was good. The second I was unable to attend, owing to being out of the state. But from two visits, during the first and middle of the term, I can say, without hesitation, that this was but a continuation of the first term.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

*Summer Term.*

Miss E. M. Clement and Miss Lida Burtt, Teachers.

Miss Clement commenced this term, but was obliged to leave on account of her health, and the term was finished by Miss Burtt, who was a beginner, but worked well for the advancement of the school, and a good degree of progress was made. The examination was, unfortunately, interrupted by the teacher being ill; but what I saw showed hard work on the part of the teacher.

*Winter Term.*

Miss ADDIE C. MILLS, Teacher.

During two visits in this school, its appearance was good, and the teacher was at work faithfully to keep the pupils at work, and I have no doubt but what the term was one of much profit to the school; but owing to the failure of the Prudential Committee to send me a notification of the close of the school, I was not present at the examination.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss M. F. KNOWLTON, Teacher. *One Term.*

Here, as in No. 2, Miss Knowlton was successful in her efforts. The term was short, but one of much improvement. Although a little backward naturally, still the school was aroused very much by the active efforts of the teacher. Examination was good.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Miss LIZZIE G. TENNEY, Teacher. *One Term.*

No one could visit this school and not go away pleased with its appearance. Miss Tenney is a graduate of a Normal School, and the methodical instruction, marked with so much thoroughness, given here, shows what advantages may be derived to the town, if we can but have such teachers in all our schools. This was a thoroughly successful term.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

*Summer Term.*

Miss EMILY F. PIKE, Teacher.

This is a small school, and all its scholars are well disposed, and this term went on very smoothly. Miss Pike was a beginner in teaching, and, of course, can not have the peculiar gift—for leading a school on to the best advantage—possessed by one who has taught several terms; but her work was well done, and the term closed pleasantly, with an examination showing fair improvement.

*Winter Term.*

Miss NETTIE FAIRFIELD, Teacher.

With more experience, Miss Fairfield succeeded in keeping rather more interest, and keeping the pupils at work steadily, and the closing examination showed the term was well spent. The scholars in this school, although few in number, are yet earnest and willing to work; and with a good teacher at their head, they have worked, and to good advantage. A good examination, well attended.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

Miss —— BUTMAN, Teacher. *One Term.*

Miss Butman made a success of this term. The number of scholars was small, but all willing to work; and through the term, which was a long one, much work was done, and done faithfully, reflecting credit on both teacher and pupils. Examination good, but poorly attended by friends and patrons. Register not returned.

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## REMARKS.

In closing my connection with your schools, at the end of this school year, I am happy to be able to give you a favorable report of their condition and improvement during the year now past.

In most instances good teachers have had charge of the different schools, and such being the case, it very naturally follows, that the advancement should be good in each. Teachers have labored faithfully, and the pupils, as a rule, have seconded their efforts by their own personal exertions; and together, they have made the schools pleasant, profitable and interesting. I have made two changes in the text books this year. Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic has been laid aside, and Greenleaf's Practical substituted in its place.

Various reasons for this change were given at each school where the exchange was effected; prominent among these reasons is the fact of the latter work being an improved arrangement of the different rules, and as its name indicates, more practical, and better adapted to the wants of our schools. I have, also, made an effort to establish a uniformity of text books in mathematics, and have succeeded in most schools. There were no less than *four* different text books in Mental Arithmetic, viz: Stoddard's, Greenleaf's, Colburn's and Holbrook's. The object attempted, was to establish Greenleaf's series of arithmetics, and to this end the others were put aside, and Greenleaf's substituted in their place; not because of any especial superiority that it had over the others, but on examining it, I found it had points in advance of the others, and was well adapted to the use to which it was to be put; and having Greenleaf's other mathematical works in our schools, it seemed best to take this, and thus bring about the desired end—one series of mathematical works throughout the town. All the schools have been supplied with this book, and use it exclusively, with very few exceptions. One school having an advanced class, wishing to study Intellectual Arithmetic, has retained Stoddard's, as being more difficult.

Another advantage gained by this arrangement is, it makes less confusion among parents in purchasing books; also, traders know better what particular books to keep, and are more constantly supplied with the necessary books used in town. The town is now well supplied with books, and they are arranged in such a manner that all can remember, and know what book to call for in each branch of study; the books are as follows: Greenleaf's series of Mathematics, Greene's series of Grammars, Guyot's series of Geography, Sanders' series of Readers and Spellers, &c., &c.

It is hoped that these changes will be looked upon as being for the best good, and more rapid and thorough progress of the schools. Improvements may be made in agriculture and manufactures, by getting the most approved kinds of implements to labor with; so may education be promoted, by securing for those obtaining it, the best implements in the shape of books.

There is now one more change that, if it could be made, would be very much to the advantage of the schools, and eventually to

the whole town. The change is this: In speaking of the labor of the teachers and pupils in the several schools, I said they worked together; now there is a third party that I would be glad to include in the co-partnership, so necessary to the public good, and formed to prosecute this work successfully, and this party is really an essential element of this *Educational Firm*, and one which being left out, leaves matters in an uncertain state. This party is composed of the parents, and these I would gladly see more earnestly interested in the cause of education. Some are actively interested, and manifest their interest in various ways. But many are not so, and some seem to forget that there is a school in which their children are growing up under the influence of strangers. I say they seem to forget this, because they do not manifest interest enough to visit the school room, even for a few hours during the terms. There are very many parents in town, whom I have not seen in the school room at any time since I have been connected with your schools. This is not a fault peculiar to this town alone, but it is all too prevalent throughout our state and country, and one that should be rectified; and let me urge, as I did last year, that in Antrim at least, this disinterestedness may be done away with. When this is accomplished, one great step will have been taken toward making our common school system the great moving power of the nation; for it is only in union of strength that the most power is obtained, and when teachers, pupils and parents, are all equally interested in this one motive—the promotion of the cause of education—then will our schools become what they really ought to be, "the nurseries of the world." For in these are being trained the intellects that are soon to rule the nation, and as the foundation is laid, so will the structure be that is erected upon it; great care is needed in laying this foundation. It ought not to be left to the discretion of one or two, but must be the care of all in any way concerned in the firmness, beauty and durability of the structure; this is why the necesity for all to show more interest in our schools is urged; because, as we are all either directly or indirectly interested in the *results* of our school system's work, we ought, in justice to ourselves, at least, to look well to its present state, and see if improvements in it can be made in any of its branches.

There are some changes that might be made with benefit to the interested parties in several of the districts; or if not directly with benefit, at least comfort and pleasantness might be promoted. In No. 2, a division of the school would be highly beneficial to the district, and a new school house would add much to the beauty of the place, and comfort of the scholars. The same might be said in regard to the houses in Nos. 6 and 12; and others might be much improved by paint; also, a few good chairs distributed among the different districts, would be a very *comfortable* addition to the school rooms.

We have had one teacher this year, who is a graduate of a Normal School, in No. 10, and no one visiting that school, and noticing the methodical instruction, would hesitate for an instant, in endorsing Normal Schools; and it is earnestly hoped that our town may be represented in the Normal School in our own State, before long. The time is coming when such teachers will be so much preferred to others, that it will be difficult for a person to engage a school, unless having graduated from a Normal School. Such person has fitted himself or herself for teaching, and this will bring about making the business of teaching a profession, as much as the law, or the ministry; and such it ought to be, for if there is need of preparation in any branch of labor, it is among those who have the most difficult and delicate work to do; and the work of the teacher is a delicate one, fraught with many difficulties, both mental and physical. The human mind, as it is received into the school room, is something that must be dealt with skilfully, if it would be done for the good of the subject, and of the world; and the more thorough the preparation, the more understandingly will the teacher go to work, and the better will be the result of such labor. For, as a guide well acquainted with the mountains and forests in his part of the country, leads the stranger safely and comfortably over what seemed almost unsurmountable peaks and cliffs, so will the skilful teacher lead the stranger to education, through all its difficulties, and out upon the broad highway to honor and excellence in the world. The world's great need is men of education and sterling ability. Men who are capable of filling high positions of trust, with honor and benefit to themselves and the world. And for such men we must go

to the school room, and see that while here the minds are properly cared for; lest, being neglected, they come out cramped and distorted, and like the twig, bent in its early tenderness, remain forever unshapely and almost useless. Since from its cramped and uncouth shape, it is hard to find a place in the world to which it can be fitted, and be called an ornament, there would always seem about it, an unfitness for any place but one of obscurity, where the critical eye of the world could not see and mark its deficiencies.

Again, in closing this report, and with it all connection with your schools, I cannot but take this time and method for expressing my thanks to all those whose hearty co-operation with my labors for the well being of the schools has made such labors most pleasant and agreeable. The teachers and scholars are especially deserving of many thanks, for their uniform courtesy and respect, during the visits to their various schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. KIMBALL, *S. S. Committee.*

Antrim, February 24, 1872.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

### Summer Terms.

| Districts. | Length. | No. of Scholars. | Average Attendance. | Instances of Tardiness. | Visits by | | | Wages and Board. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | S. S. C. | P. C. | Citizens. | |
| 1 G. | 10 | 19 | 17 | 27 | 3 | 3 | 32 | $34 00 |
| 1 P. | 10 | 25 | 24 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 26 00 |
| 2 | 10 | 42 | 36¾ | 26 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 26 00 |
| 3 | 10 | 23 | 20¾ | 28 | 3 | 1 | 53 | 22 00 |
| 5 | 8 | 17 | 15½ | 18 | 3 | 1 | 45 | 20 00 |
| 6 | 8 | 14 | 13⅛ | 4 | 3 | | 50 | 20 00 |
| 7 | 6 | 12 | 11½ | 3 | 3 | | 16 | 10 00 |
| 12 | 9 | 4 | 3½ | 4 | 3 | | 14 | 18 00 |

### Winter Terms.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 G. | 10 | 22 | 21 | 35 | 3 | 3 | 27 | $38 00 |
| 1 P. | 10 | 22 | 21 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 30 00 |
| 2 | 12 | 49 | 41 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 30 | 36 00 |
| 3 | 10¾ | 25 | 22½ | 91 | 3 | 2 | 43 | 40 00 |
| 4* | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 8 | 21 | 13½ | | 3 | 1 | 16 | 20 00 |
| 6 | 11 | 13 | 11⅓ | 4 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 22 00 |
| 7 | 10 | 21 | | 15 | 2 | | | 12 00 |
| 9 | 8 | 19 | 18 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 23 | Not given. |
| 10 | 9 | 11 | 8⅓ | 108 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 16 00 |
| 12 | 12 | 8 | 6½ | 16 | 3 | 1 | 27 | 24 00 |
| 13† | | | | | | | | |

* Is still in session as this goes to print.

† Register not returned.

# SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS' REPORT.

## For the Year ending March 1, 1872.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The amount of taxes committed to Sylvester Little for collection, | | $8610 73 |
| Interest on taxes, | | 39 56 |
| | | $8650 29 |
| Paid as follows: | | |
| Sundry receipts from Treasurer, | $8041 27 | |
| Interest on taxes, | 39 56 | |
| Remaining in Collector's hands, | 534 37 | |
| Non-Resident highway taxes wrought out, | 35 09 | —$8650 29 |

*Receipts into the Treasury.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From Treasurer of 1870, | $2089 63 | |
| Collector of 1871, | 8041 27 | |
| Bonds sold, | 300 00 | |
| Back interest on coupons, | 1 15 | |
| Sale of town property, | 244 87 | |
| From H. Stacy, State Capital Bank tax, 1868, | 30 50 | |
| Savings Bank tax, | 1026 36 | |
| Railroad tax, | 9 66 | |
| Literary Fund, | 72 30 | |
| Interest on taxes, | 39 56 | |
| Notes given, | 81 58 | |
| Collector of 1870, | 242 00 | |
| Interest on taxes of 1870, | 9 47 | —$12188 35 |

Paid as follows:

*School Orders.*

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| J. R. Kimball, for Dist. | No. | 1, | | $343 26 |
| E. Z. Hastings, | " | " | 2, | 225 75 |
| W. M. Conn, | " | " | 3, | 171 75 |
| N. C. Ferry, | " | " | 4, | 128 94 |
| S. Dinsmore, | " | " | 5, | 69 28 |
| A. R Barker, | " | " | 6, | 52 05 |
| C. A. Whittemore, | " | " | 7, | 62 68 |
| N. B. Herrick, | " | " | 9, | 44 90 |
| L. Green, | " | " | 10, | 35 87 |
| H. M. Boyd, | " | " | 12, | 62 37 |
| J. D. Clement, | " | " | 13, | 26 17 |
| Wm. Weston, | " | " | 14, | 9 80 |
| | | | | $1354 10 |

*Breaking Roads.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wm. E. Gould, | $4 20 | C. Sawyer, | 1 50 |
| B. F. McIlvin, | 1 43 | S. M. Thompson. | 2 65 |
| O. K. Carr, | 45 | M. True, | 1 80 |
| D. Swett, | 1 80 | G. Turner, | 1 94 |
| W. R Carr, | 1 70 | C. Appleton, | 4 00 |
| E. Bass. | 2 27 | H. Eaton, | 1 35 |
| L. M. Wilkins, | 5 20 | B. F. Kidder, | 5 55 |
| S. Dinsmore, | 2 70 | H. D. Chapin, | 3 80 |
| I. Wyman, | 7 56 | W. S. Foster, | 1 20 |
| L. Green. | 12 70 | H. E. Dutton, | 12 75 |
| S. A. Holt, | 1 87 | C. F. Whitney, | 1 50 |
| F. Tenney, | 3 05 | | |
| | | | $82 97 |

*Town Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Farnum & Scott, printing reports, | $28 00 |
| J. D. Mathews, work on road, | 2 40 |
| J. D. Mathews, work on Forest road, | 16 50 |
| Jane Hill, interest, | 24 00 |
| Daniel Swett, lumber and work on road, | 4 54 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, lumber and work on road, | 12 50 |
| Imla Wright, exr., endorsement on note, | 50 00 |
| Imla Wright, adm., over tax, | 3 76 |
| Imla Wright, exr., tax on money paid, | 2 63 |
| F. M. Shattuck, work and lumber, Baldwin bridge, | 57 00 |
| F. M. Shattuck, work on road, | 2 00 |
| Hiram Eaton, endorsement, | 50 00 |
| L. M. Wilkins, work on Curtis bridge, | 65 00 |
| L. M. Wilkins, stone work and lumber, | 8 00 |
| J. Worthley, stringers for bridges, | 5 70 |
| Tenney & Dutton, bridge plank, | 16 19 |
| Eastman & Co., blanks, | 2 75 |
| G. L. Guernsey, blanks and stationery, | 8 00 |
| A. M. Clark, sheep killed by dogs, | 11 50 |
| Eben Bass, work on road, | 34 57 |
| Wm. G. Roach, stringers, plank and work, Thompson bridge, | 84 01 |
| E. F. Gould, sheep killed by dogs, | 3 00 |
| H. A. Rogers, bridge plank, | 16 39 |
| Hannah Gould, sheep killed by dogs, | 4 00 |
| Mary Moulton, endorsement, | 50 00 |
| Persis Wilson, interest, | 6 00 |
| O. K. Carr, work on road, | 6 00 |
| G. F. Parmenter, sheep killed by dogs, | 8 00 |
| M. B. McIlvin, services as Sexton, | 10 00 |
| B. F. McIlvin, overtax, | 4 46 |
| Edmund Sawyer, bridge plank, | 3 93 |
| A. Fairfield, use of room, | 1 50 |
| A. Fairfield, notifying jurors, | 4 00 |
| A. Fairfield, notifying selectmen, | 4 00 |
| A. Fairfield, services as Clerk, | 10 00 |
| W. R. Carr, work on road, | 9 00 |
| Eben Bass, work on road, | 9 21 |

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| A. Story, use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| M. & J. G. Wilkins, repairing bridges, | 7 00 |
| G. F. Parmenter, services as Constable, | 2 00 |
| G. F. Parmenter, work on road, | 5 50 |
| I. Wyman, work on road, | 6 30 |
| L. Green, repairing bridges, | 3 00 |
| D. M. Stacy, work on road, | 2 33 |
| Edmund Sawyer, work on road and bridge, | 5 26 |
| J. S. Parmenter, services as Sexton, | 8 50 |
| J. S. Parmenter, care of Town House, | 5 00 |
| Wm. Curtis, use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| B. W. Sanborn, check lists, | 75 |
| James Boyd, State tax, | 2148 00 |
| James Boyd, County tax, | 677 49 |
| H. B. Newman, damage received on highway, | 50 00 |
| Chas. Sawyer, work on road, | 2 95 |
| H. Stacy, Chas. Wilson's poll tax, 1867, | 4 50 |
| Thomas Poor, bridge plank, | 22 75 |
| Chas. Appleton, work on road, | 6 75 |
| David Bass, use of watering trough, 1870-1, | 5 00 |
| Mark True, work on road, | 16 05 |
| H. B. Tuttle, tax on money owed, | 7 52 |
| F. M. Shattuck, services as Sexton, | 1 50 |
| Frank Tenney, sheep killed by dogs, | 3 50 |
| A. R Barker, stringers for bridge, | 6 88 |
| J. R. Kimball, services as School Committee, | 75 00 |
| J. W. Perkins, sheep killed by dogs, | 3 00 |
| M. B. McIlvin, painting and repairing bridges, | 14 84 |
| H. M. Barker, bridge plank, | 2 40 |
| Albert Baldwin, over tax, | 1 50 |
| T. D. Twiss, abatement of poll tax, | 2 82 |
| Mary Moulton, interest, | 1 88 |
| Chas. H. Carter, poll tax, | 2 82 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, services as Sexton, | 13 50 |
| Nancy B. Muzzey, interest, | 2 57 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, services as Selectman, | 88 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, postage stamps, | 1 80 |
| W. M. Sargent, printing, | 3 25 |
| Leander Smith, services as Selectman, | 45 00 |
| Robb Brothers, bridge plank, | 46 87 |
| Alvin Bullard, poll tax, | 2 82 |
| S. Little, services as Collector, | 59 00 |
| James Boyd, services as Treasurer, | 65 00 |
| S. Little, drawback on taxes not collectable, 1870, | 18 47 |
| E. D. Putney, use of room, | 4 50 |
| R. P. Whittemore, services as Auditor, | 8 00 |
| Josiah Loveren, services as Auditor, | 8 00 |
| Wm. N. Tuttle, services as Selectman, | 48 00 |
| | $4026 40 |

*Poor Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| John B. Clarke, advertising A. J. Varnum, | 5 10 |
| Lewis Green, boarding paupers, | 476 00 |

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| J. R. Kimball, medical services, paupers, | 3 50 |
| J. R. Kimball, medical services, A. J. Curtis family, | 47 00 |
| N. H. Asylum, for A. J. Varnum, | 44 85 |
| Town of Ashland, for A. J. Varnum, | 19 25 |
| McFarland & Jenks, advertising A. J. Varnum, | 4 06 |
| W. H. Story, telegram, Varnum, | 35 |
| H. Stacy, express and conveying Varnum's remains to depot, | 3 00 |
| M. True, coffin and box for Varnum, | 7 50 |
| J. Wood, for A. J. Varnum, | 14 00 |
| Nelson Muzzey, railroad and stage fare, Varnum, | 2 00 |
| E. D. Putney, goods for paupers, | 34 35 |
| Mrs. H. Gillis, dressmaking, Walker girl, | 1 17 |
| G. A. Cochran, finding settlement of Anna Fletcher, | 2 00 |
| J. R. Kimball, books for A. J. Curtis' children, | 3 09 |
| G. A. Cochran, services as Overseer of Poor, | 10 00 |
| L. Thompson, repairing stove, | 1 75 |
| | $678 97 |

*Notes Paid.*

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|---|---|
| Hannah O. Abbott, | $515 50 |
| Imla Wright, | 288 97 |
| Betsey A. Rogers, | 219 21 |
| A. Lincoln Pike, | 109 58 |
| Thomas Thompson, | 267 91 |
| James Bazley, | 1531 53 |
| Nancy B. Muzzey, | 52 00 |
| | $2984 70 |

*Finances of the Town.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mary Moulton, | $84 00 | Mark W. Fuller, | 1230 81 |
| Wm. N. Tuttle, | 103 36 | Jane Hill, | 400 00 |
| Wm. M. Conn, | 320 59 | Mary D. Nesmith, | 100 00 |
| Samuel Wood, | 375 58 | George L. Herrick, | 306 68 |
| Anna Fletcher, | 400 00 | Nath. B. Herrick, | 511 00 |
| Almus Fairfield, | 197 66 | Hiram Eaton, | 282 11 |
| Hiram Griffin, | 1000 00 | Luther Campbell, | 224 09 |
| Ella M. Pike, | 118 70 | Nancy B. Muzzey, | 52 00 |
| Mark True, | 1017 04 | A. Lincoln Pike, | 29 58 |
| Augusta S. Carr, | 65 38 | Imla Wright, exr., | 200 00 |
| Helen P. Ramsey, | 661 36 | Interest due on above, | 635 00 |
| Milton McCoy, | 321 66 | | |
| Persis Wilson, | 100 00 | | $9087 43 |
| James Wood, | 350 83 | | |

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| Amount of notes against the town, | $ 8452 43 |
| Interest due, | 635 00 |
| Amount of Bonds sold, | 17800 00 |
| Due district No. 8, | 43 38 |
| Due district No. 11, | 46 17 |
| Total amount of liabilities, | $26976 98 |

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|---|---|
| In the Treasury, | $2017 21 |
| In Collector's hands, | 534 37 |
| Due from sale of poor farm property, | 208 96 |
| | $2760 54 |
| Whole amount of liabilities, | $26976 98 |
| Due the town, | 2760 54 |
| Whole amount of town debt, | $24216 44 |
| Town debt, March 1, 1871, | $26394 19 |
| " " " " 1872, | 24216 44 |
| Reduced, | $2177 75 |

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

GEORGE A. COCHRAN, } *Selectmen*
LEANDER SMITH, } *of*
WILLIAM N. TUTTLE, } *Antrim.*

REED P. WHITTEMORE, } *Auditors.*
JOSIAH LOVEREN, }

Antrim, March 1, 1872.

# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

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|---|---|
| Paid L. Green for boarding, | $476 00 |
| J. R. Kimball, medical services, paupers, | 3 50 |
| J R. Kimball, medical services, A. J. Curtis' family, | 47 00 |
| Expense of A. J Varnum, | 100 61 |
| E. D. Putney, goods for paupers, | 34 35 |
| Mrs. H. Gillis, dressmaking for Laonia Walker, | 1 17 |
| J. R. Kimball, school books, A. J. Curtis' children, | 3 09 |
| L. Thompson, repairing stove, | 1 75 |
| G. A. Cochran, finding settlement of Anna Fletcher, | 2 00 |
| G. A. Cochran, services as Overseer, | 10 00 |
| Whole cost of poor, | $678 97 |

Paupers boarded ot Lewis Green's the past year: Reuben Butters, Betsey Swain and Almira Tuttle. Laonia Walker left July 22d. A. J. Varnum was at L. Green's one week.

Respectfully submitted, by

GEORGE A. COCHRAN, *Overseer.*

Antrim, March 1, 1872.

# SCHOOL

AND

# Financial Reports

OF

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RENDERED

MARCH 1st, 1873.

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1873.

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MANUFACTURER OF

BUGGY, COACH, TEAM AND EXPRESS

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N. JACKSON,

**Livery & Boarding Stable,**

ALSO

STAGE PROPRIETOR,

HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE, N. H.

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J. C. CAMPBELL,

INSURANCE AGENT,

HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE, N. H.

AGENT FOR

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|---|---|---|
| "*HOME, N. Y.,* | *Assets,* | $4.530,000. |
| "*HARTFORD,* | " | 2.500,000. |
| "*PHŒNIX,*" | " | 1,800,000. |
| "*NORTH BRITISH MERCANTILE,*" (*GOLD*) | " | 10,000,000 |
| "*ALLEMANIA,*" | " | 300,000 |
| "*N. H. FIRE, INS. CO.,*" | " | 150,000 |

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W. H. MANAHAN,

**AUCTIONEER,**

HILLSBOROUGH, N. H.

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# SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—In compliance with the requirements of the law, I herewith submit the following report of your schools for the year ending March, 1873.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Miss Kate J. Presby, Teacher, both terms. The summer term was so interrupted and deranged by Measles and Mumps as greatly to impair its success. The winter term we regard as eminently successful. Miss Presby met the requirements of her position in a manner alike creditable to herself, and satisfactory to her patrons. The classes in reading are the best in town. That in Practical Arithmetic did remarkably well.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. Emily F. Tuttle, Teacher, both terms. Miss Tuttle has taught this school four consecutive terms to the entire acceptance, we think, of every member of the district. We but echo the general sentiment of her patrons in saying that as a teacher of a primary school she has few equals. She has perfect control of her pupils, and this control is maintained by the most effectual means by which government in the school-room *can be* maintained; namely, by affection, by kindness, by love. Such a hold upon the confidence, respect and affection of her pupils as Miss Tuttle possesses, any teacher may well covet.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Mary F. Knowlton, Teacher during the year. The fact of Miss Knowlton having been continued in this school four terms to the very general satisfaction of the patrons speaks for itself, and would seem to require no comment from us. The teacher worked hard, maintained good order, and taken as a whole the school may be regarded as tolerably successful. The neglect to introduce writing during the winter term until the sixth or seventh week, we regard as inexcusable. Outside the regular routine of the text books the scholars of this school seem to have but little definite knowledge. They are altogether too backward for the opportunities they have had. The reading is badly done, and the spelling wretched. Twelve scholars are reported as not having been either absent or tardy—an example worthy of imitation by other schools. We are obliged to suspend the writing of this report and go to the Prudential committee for statistical items that should have been furnished in Miss Knowlton's register.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term. J. S. Knowlton, Teacher. Miss Knowlton is a teacher of experience, tact and ability, and she brought these qualities to bear most successfully in the management of this term. The closing examination was interesting and satisfactory. A class of two young ladies sustained an excellent examination in Grammar.

Winter Term. David A. Starrett, Teacher. Mr. Starrett is more than an average scholar, and is *capable* of teaching a good school. He commenced here under the most favorable auspices, having previously taught in No. 4 to the general acceptance of the district. He failed to sustain himself in this school, however, and the result of his efforts was a sorry disappointment to a large majority of the district. The teacher complained that the parents took no interest in the school, and did not sustain him in his efforts to govern it, but encouraged their children in their insubordination. The parents in turn complained that the teacher used outlandish and insulting expres-

sions in the school-room, and that his habits and associations outside the school-room were not such as to entitle him to the confidence and respect of his pupils or of the community. Thus there was crimination and recrimination. We deeply regret that any teacher of youth should so far forget the dignity of his calling as to indulge in the disgusting habit of tobacco chewing *in the school-room.* If he *must* chew and smoke, let it be done away from the school-room and the presence of his scholars, where the vile and corrupting influence of his example shall not be felt upon the precious immortals committed to his charge. We write these words with no desire to wound the feelings of a fellow teacher, but because impelled to do it by an imperious sense of duty to the educational interests of the town which we for the time represent.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer Term. Alma F. Shattuck, Teacher. This was Miss Shattuck's first school, and the number of scholars was too small to enable her to do justice to herself. The few scholars she had made rapid advancement. From personal observation we know Miss Shattuck to be one of the best scholars in town, and we hope to see her in some important school the coming season.

Winter Term. H. D. Chapin, Teacher. One of the pleasantest schools we ever taught. Not an ill-disposed or vicious scholar in attendance. Of the twenty-one scholars reported, eleven came from other districts. Not the least thing occurred during the term to interrupt the friendly relations between teacher and scholars. We endeavored to make our instructions thorough and practical, giving special prominence to those branches of study that we thought the pupil would most need in the every-day affairs of life. How far we succeeded in these endeavors the patrons of the school must decide.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term. Katie I. Preston, Teacher. Miss Preston combines in a remarkable degree those qualities that go to make

up a successful teacher. She is a splendid scholar, quick of apprehension, full of energy, and possesses an indomitable perseverance. She made a good record in this backward school during the few weeks she had it in charge.

WINTER TERM. Fannie H. Nesmith, Teacher. This term did not commence until the latter part of January, and is now in session at this time of writing. We visited the school and found it in good working order. From our knowledge of the teacher and the appearance of the school, we feel warranted in predicting a profitable term.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER TERM. Ella A. Foster, Teacher. This was Miss Foster's first school, and taken as a whole may be regarded as a success. Aside from the text books Miss Foster possessed a fund of miscellaneous information which she used to great advantage in the school-room. We think she laid out too much work for so short a term however, and as a result there was some lack of thoroughness. The examination would have been more satisfactory had some of the time spent in listening to half-learned declamations been devoted to the ordinary recitations of the classes.

WINTER TERM. Abbie C. Morse, Teacher. With no intentional disparagement of the other excellent teachers in town, we do not hesitate to accord to Miss Morse the praise of having kept the model school of the town. Order, system and thoroughness characterized all her instructions, while as a scholar, she was competent to teach most of the branches of study in our best academies. We hope an effort will be made to secure her services in the future. The scholars of this school deserve great praise for correct deportment and diligent application to their stndies.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM. Mary C. G. Burtt, Teacher. Miss Burtt is a wide-awake and earnest young teacher, who tried hard to win

success. There was some complaint that the order was not what it should be. We saw nothing to indicate this, however. Miss Burtt has an off-hand business way of doing things that we can but admire. A little more thoroughness in scholarship would increase her usefulness as a teacher.

WINTER TERM. Ida L. Dunbar, Teacher. This was Miss Dunbar's first school, and we think she gave unqualified satisfaction to her patrons. There was marked improvement during the term; but the examination did not realize our expectations. The scholars seemed to know but little when taken away from their text books. As an evidence of progress in that district, we notice that the rickety old chair has been repaired. A hitching-post is the next desideratum.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

ONE TERM. Nellie L. Allds, Teacher. We visited this school at the commencement of the session, and were well pleased with its appearance. Owing to a misunderstarding, (for which no one was to blame,) we were not notified of its close. We heard a favorable report from several parties, who told us to report it as "the best school they ever had." We congratulate the people of this district upon the fact of their having so far buried their old feuds as to unite again on school matters.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

ONE TERM. Myra E. McIlvin, Teacher. Because of the dilapitated condition of the school house in this district, the school was kept in Mr. Green's dwelling. Most of the scholars in attendrnce came from No. 5. Miss McIlvin is a fine scholar, and did excellent service in this backward school.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

Nellie M. Jackson, Teacher, both terms. Miss Jackson is the youngest teacher in town, and we had some misgivings because of her age when we heard of her engagement to teach.

She is a fine scholar, worked hard, and we think satisfied the reasonable expectations of the district. If there are dullards in school that won't make any effort to learn, the teacher ought not to be blamed for it. From Mary Munhall, a little girl of five years, we heard the best recitation, age considered, that we ever heard.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

One Term. Miss Lizzie Tuttle, Teacher. No teacher in town tried harder for a good school than Miss Tuttle. Her principal fault consisted in allowing her scholars to give answers in a vague and indefinite manner. The examination was somewhat below the proper standard.

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## REMARKS.

The schools in this town, during the past year, have in the main, been eminently successful, and I think we may safely congratulate ourselves upon having made *some* educational progress. During an experience of eleven years in the capacity we now serve, we have never been associated with a more intelligent and praise-worthy corps of teachers than most of those employed in the schools of this town during the past year. While a very few have been hardly up to the standard of excellence we could desire, there have been others, who in literary attainments, tact in the art of instructing, and enthusiastic devotion to their work we are satisfied would not suffer in comparison with any district school teachers in the state. There seems to be a constantly increasing interest in the cause of popular education in this town, Parents are, beginning to feel that the proper education of their children is a work of no secondary importance, and one that they are unwilling to commit to inefficient and unskilful hands; hence there is an increasing demand for well qualified and efficient teachers and a disposition to appreciate the labors of such by allowing them a reasonable com-

pensation for their services and by cooperating with them in their responsible work. In order that a school should be successful the teacher *must have* the sympathy and cooperation of those for whom he is laboring. Pupils will never confide in and respect a teacher unless they believe him to have the confidence and respect of their parents, and if a teacher is not respected and loved by his pupils he may never hope for success. If he has no *claim* upon their love and esteem it is high time that his labors as a teacher were ended, and his attention directed to some other pursuit for a livelihood. But if he be a person of unexceptionable character, well qualified for, and earnestly devoted to his work the duty of parents is plain. They should extend to him their hearty cooperation and support, and cheer him on his way by the assurance that his arduous labors are appreciated by them. They should consult freely with him upon the character and disposition of their children and the most salutary methods of influencing their conduct and impressing their minds. The foolish practice of fastening the teacher out of school on New Years day we had supposed was confined to the Branch district, but we are sorry to say that the example then set has been copied by Nos. 1 and 2. The custom was once in vogue in some benighted localities, but like some other relics of barbarism, has almost entirely disappeared before the light of progress and civilization. It is a species of rowdyism that is an unmitigated disease to any community where allowed. The matter can best be controlled by parents, but if they neglect or fail to do it, it should be regarded a sufficient misdemeanor to cause the expulsion from school of all engaged in it. We protest against the practice of some of our teachers, in having all their pupils "speak a piece" at the examination. Two or three appropriate declamations properly interspersed through the exercises may add interest to the occasion and be well enough, but the idea of occupying any considerable portion of the time in this way we regard as a nuisance. It certainly affords no criterion by which to judge of the merits of a school, and consumes time that might be better employed. Again we object to the manner of conducting a spelling exercise by allowing the word when missed, to go uncorrected until some one notices the wrong spelling, and "takes it up" as it is called. The spelling should be corrected *at the time*, otherwise the pupils will get

the right way confounded with the wrong, and thereby receive little or no benefit.

In a former report we alluded to the fact that quite too many of our teachers confined their instructions exclusively to the text books; and while there has been a marked improvement in this respect within the past three years, there is still occasion to reiterate the objection. This applies especially to the study of arithmetic. How few of the best arithmeticians in our schools have any really definite practical knowledge of that useful science. They may have some facility in getting the answers to their "sums" when the answers are printed before them, but outside the grooves of their text books their calculations are all hap-hazard. To one class, several members of which had ciphered through Practical arithmetic, we asked the cost of 75 cubic feet of wood at 12 dollars a cord, and the number of pounds of beef at 6 1-4 cts. per lb., that could be bought for $5. The teacher apologized for the failure of the class to work these simple examples, by more than intimating that it was unfair to put such questions, inasmuch as the class had been confined strictly to the "book." The mere recital of dry, abstract rules and definitions is of but little use unless the pupil is made to see the frequent and repeated application to the business affairs of life. We heartily congratulate the friends of education upon the establishment in our town of a permanent High school. It meets a want that we have long felt. The Principal is no untried man. We all know him to be a ripe scholar and a devoted friend to the cause of education. We owe him a lasting debt of gratitude for services rendered to the schools of this town, in years gone by. Let us give him and the school he represents no grudging support. A school of such a character as this promises to be will mark a new era in the educational interests of the town. But highly as we value an institution of this kind we would not have it in any manner trench upon, or supersede the district school, whose interests we would again commend to the fostering care of an intelligent people. Let them not languish at our hands. When it is remembered that at our public schools the great mass of the rising generation are to receive their only education,—that they are there to form those habits of thought and principles of action that will influence their

whole future life, how can any one regard with indifference the efforts now making to give permanence to these institutions? or who can deny their urgent and pressing claims upon all who are desirous of perpetuating the priceless blessings of civil and religious liberty, and of elevating man to that position in the scale of being which the God of nature has made him capable of attaining?

In conclusion we cannot forbear to express our sincere thanks to those friends in different sections of the town, whose hospitalities we have so often shared while on visits to their schools, and to the teachers and scholars for the uniform respect and courtesy with which we have been treated.

HENRY D. CHAPIN, *S. S. Committee.*

Antrim, 22 Feb., 1873.

# TABLE OF STATISTICS.

## SUMMER TERMS.

| Districts. | Length. | Scholars. | Average Attendance. | Tardiness. | Visits by S. S. C. | Visits by P. C. | Visits by Citizens. | Wages and Board. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 G. | 10 | 17 | 14 | 59 | 2 | 2 | 30 | $34 00 |
| 1 P. | 10 | 23 | 19 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 28 00 |
| 2 | 10 | 39 | 36 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 17 | ‡ |
| 3 | 10 | 18 | 17 | 11 | 2 | | 16 | 21 00 |
| 4 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | | 16 | 16 00 |
| 5 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 29 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 20 00 |
| 6 | 8 | 16 | 13 | | 2 | | 16 | 24 00 |
| 7 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 2 | | 11 | 22 00 |
| 12 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 2 | | 13 | 20 00 |

## WINTER TERMS.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 G. | 10 | 21 | 19 | 30 | 2 | 2 | 50 | $38 00 |
| 1 P. | 10 | 25 | 21 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 30 00 |
| 2 G. | 11 | 36 | 31 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 36 | 38 00 |
| 2 P. | 8 | 30 | 25 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 13 | ‡ |
| 3 | 13 | 32 | 23 | 117 | 2 | 1 | 30 | 33 00 |
| 4 | 9 | 21 | 18 | 64 | 45 | 1 | 30 | 40 00 |
| 5 † | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 9 | 16 | 13 | 4 | 2 | | 14 | 24 00 |
| 7 | 12 | 15 | 12 | 54 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 24 00 |
| 9 | 6 | 17 | 16 | 22 | 1 | | 4 | 20 00 |
| 10 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 21 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 21 00 |
| 12 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 22 00 |
| 13 * | | | | | | | | |

* Register not returned. † Now in session. ‡ Not inserted in register.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF ANTRIM,

### For the Year ending March 1, 1873.

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| The amount of taxes committed to Samuel A. Holt for collection, | | $5,888.68 |
| Interest on taxes, | | 7.98 |
| | | $5,896.66 |
| *Paid as follows:* | | |
| Sundry receipts from Treasurer, | $5,788.73 | |
| Interest on taxes, | 7.98 | |
| Non-resident highway tax worked out, | 29.27 | |
| Remaining in Collectors hands, | 70.68 | |
| | $5,896.66 | |

*Receipts into the Treasury.*

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|---|---|---|
| From the Treasurer of 1871, | | $2,017.21 |
| " " Collector for 1872, | | 5,788.73 |
| " " Savings Bank Tax, | | 1,200.16 |
| " " Railroad Tax, | | 8.58 |
| " " Literary Fund, | | 90.30 |
| " " Interest on Taxes, | | 7.98 |
| " " Collector for 1871, | | 534.37 |
| " " Interest on Taxes for 1871, | | 17.87 |
| " " A. J. Curtis, Dr. J. Goodell's bill etc. | | 13.59 |
| " " Reimbursement of war expenditures, | | 8,008.33 |
| " " R.P.Saltmarsh, for highway taxes not worked | | 6.02 |
| " " G.Brown for W. Stacy's sheep killed by dog, | | 5.00 |
| " " S. G. Wallace, for N. W. C. Jamesons, sheep killed by dog, | | 2.00 |
| | | $17,700.14 |

*School Orders*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| E. D Putney, | for Dist. | No. 1, | $349.22 |
| Mark True, | " | 2, | 220.49 |
| Geo. P. Little, | " | 3, | 177.05 |
| L. M. Curtis, | " | 4, | 127.15 |
| O. K. Carr, | " | 5, | 69.48 |
| A. R. Barker, | " | 6, | 56.46 |
| J. P. Gibson, | " | 7, | 64.48 |
| B. F. McIlvin, | " | 8, | 44.25 |
| L. Green, | " | 10, | 35.69 |
| A. H. Greeley, | " | 12, | 44.76 |
| M. B. Tuttle, | " | 13, | 23.16 |
| J. D. Mathews, | " | 14, | 10.08 |
| | | | $1239.27 |

*Breaking Roads.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. S. Parmenter, | $6.75 | C. Appleton, | $18.00 |
| W. M. Conn, | 13.65 | J. White, | 7.42 |
| Ips Wyman, | 35.48 | C. F. Whitney, | 10.83 |
| T. S. Worthley, | 6.52 | Geo. Brown, | 10.00 |
| S. Dinsmore, | 21.75 | J. Duncan, | 14.70 |
| M. B. Tuttle, | 18.97 | J. Boyd, | 12.60 |
| E. B. Smith, | 50.91 | Geo. A. Cochran, | 17.00 |
| W. R. Carr, | 14.40 | J. W. Perkins, | 10.80 |
| O. K. Carr, | 15.22 | J. P. Gibson, | 14.25 |
| J. G. Flint, | 23.99 | A. R. Barker, | 28.63 |
| R. Sawyer, | 18.70 | C. Sawyer, | 6.60 |
| F. Robinson, | 14.70 | B. F. Kidder, | 7.36 |
| C. Butterfield, | 6.30 | T. D. Twiss, | 1.20 |
| D. White, | 7.60 | E. B. Smith, | 7.20 |
| | | | $421.53 |

*Town Orders.*

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|---|---|
| D. Steele, Police duty, | $2.00 |
| Selectmen of Bennington, lumber, | 2.84 |
| S. Wilson, tax on stock in trade, | 2.82 |
| Farnum & Scott, printing Reports, | 30.00 |
| Eastman & Co., Blanks and Stationery, | 6.68 |
| W. R. Carr, work on Loveren Bridge, | 17.00 |
| W. R. Carr, lumber for Loveren Bridge, | 9.70 |
| Wm. W. Hall, damage on highway, | 6.00 |
| J. M. Duncan, damage to carriage, | 3.50 |
| N. P. Hunt, County tax, | 677.49 |
| F. D. Appleton, work on Cochran Bridge, | 68.50 |

W. G. Roach, plank and timber,..... 26.41
G. A. Cochran, drawing timber for bridge,..... 3.00
J. D. Mathews, work on Forest road,..... 14.75
G. W. Burns & Co., bridge timber,..... 34.56
S. A. Holt, Sheep killed by dog,..... 4.00
O. Smith, bridge plank,..... 17.82
E. B. Smith, work on road,..... 3.45
Betsy A. Rogers, tax on money in Savings Bank,..... 1.89
H. A. Rogers, bridge plank,..... 28.12
W. M. Conn, work on road,..... 25.86
L. M. Wilkins, work on road,..... 16.75
O. K. Carr, bridge plank,..... 40.26
B. F. Kidder, work on road,..... 4.65
W. R. Carr, plank work on bridge,..... 33,05
Thomas Poor, bridge plank,..... 32.17
M. B. Tuttle, bridge plank and labor,..... 12.25
J. D. Clement, work on road,..... 11.10
Chas. Appleton, work on road,..... 17.40
C. Cooledge, poll tax abated,..... 1.35
J. S. Parmenter, work on road,..... 11.91
C. White, painting guide boards,..... 12.00
A. R. Barker, work or road,..... 31.17
L. H. Brooks, stone posts,..... 8.00
F. M. Shattuck, work on Baldwin bridge,..... 5.92
G. A. Cochran, stone work for Cochran bridge,..... 5.00
C. H. Roberts, list of soldiers names,..... 3.00
Selectmen expenses of McClintock road route,.....100.00
W. Weston, work on Forest road,..... 3.00
J. S. Parmenter, care of Town House,..... 5.00
J. S. Parmenter, services as sexton,..... 6.00
Ips Wyman, work on road,..... 4.35
W. Stacy, Sheep killed by dogs,..... 10.00
S. Dinsmore, bridge plank,..... 4.64
G. F. Parmenter, police duty,..... 2.00
G. F. Parmenter, work on road,..... 1.00
N. B. Swett, work on road,..... 1.50
W. R. Carr, services as sexton,..... 6.00
O. K. Carr, word on bridge,..... 2.00
J. G. Flint, work on bridge,..... 14.05
R. Sawyer, work on road,..... 2 05
A. Story, use of watering trough,..... 3.00
R. Sawyer, plank and work on bridge,..... 5.07
H. D. Chapin, services as S. S. Committee,..... 60.00
H. Eaton, work on road,..... 2.05
F. M. Shattuck, use of tomb,..... 3.00
T. Poor, bridge timber,..... 11.43
C. F. Whitney, work on road,..... 6.15
F. M. Shattuck, services as sexton,..... 7.50

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| F. Robinson, work on road, | 4.00 |
| N. W. C. Jameson, sheep killed by dog, | 12.00 |
| S. G. Wallace, damage to wagon, | 3.00 |
| M. D. Poor, guide boards, | 5.00 |
| George Brown, damage on road, | 2.00 |
| F. Perry, over tax 1871, | .37 |
| J. Boyd, collecting Reimbursment money, | 5.00 |
| W. Eaton, examining road route, | 3.00 |
| W. N. Tuttle, Postage, | 1.40 |
| G. A. Cochran, journey to Concord for war debt, | 5.00 |
| T. Goodale, surveying town lines, | 2.00 |
| J. Duncan, surveying town line, | 2.00 |
| G. A. Cochran, services as Selectman, | 88.00 |
| E. C. Eastman, check list and express, | 1.30 |
| G. A. Cochran, perambulating town lines, | 6.00 |
| L. Parker, gravel, | 2.00 |
| J. P. Gibson, work on road, | 7.70 |
| J. W. Perkins, work on road, | 6.50 |
| A. Fairfield, nails for Tuttle bridge, | 2.45 |
| A. Fairfield, services as Town Clerk, | 19.50 |
| A. Fairfield, express on books, | .40 |
| A. Fairfield, use of room, | 2.00 |
| B. Swett, tax on high valuation 1871, | 4.00 |
| S. Little, drawback on taxes not collectable 1871, | 43.43 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, sexton, | 31.00 |
| S. A. Carter, State-tax, | 1,074.00 |
| W. N. Tuttle, services as Selectman, | 63.00 |
| G. A. Cochran, boarding selectmen, | 7.00 |
| J. M. Wilson, drawing bridge timber, | 1.50 |
| S. M. Thompson, repairing culvert, | 1.10 |
| W. M. Sargent, printing, | 2.00 |
| S. A. Holt, services as collector, | 48.50 |
| E. Bass, services as treasurer, | 50.00 |
| L. Smith, services as selectman, | 48.00 |
| H. Eaton, endorsement on note, | 100.00 |
| R. P. Whittemore, sheep killed by dog, | 4.00 |
| E. Bass, Steele Heirs highway tax, | 2.80 |
| A. Fairfield, servicce as Auditor, | 6.00 |
| R. P. Whittemore, services as Auditor, | 6.00 |
| | $3,181.73 |

*Poor Orders.*

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|---|---|
| L. Green, damage to room by paupers, | $7.00 |
| L. Green, boarding paupers, | 38.00 |
| Clark & Duncan, cage for A. Tuttle, | 12.15 |
| Dr. J. Goodell, medical services A. J. Curtis, | 10.50 |

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| B. F. Upton, army blankets, | 1.35 |
| A. H. Greeley, boarding paupers, | 107.25 |
| A. H. Greeley, boarding paupers, | 107.25 |
| W. R. Carr, getting wood for Curtis, | 2.50 |
| J. B. Woodbury & Son, school books for Curtis children, | 2.88 |
| A. H. Greeley, boarding paupers, | 116.25 |
| B. F. McIlvin, aid to Curtis family, | 7.85 |
| J. S. Champney, moving Curtis' goods, | 1.25 |
| George P. Little, moving Curtis' goods, aid to family, | 7.05 |
| W. R. Carr, aid to Sarah Sawyer, | 9.53 |
| J. R. Kimball, medical services Curtis family, | 44.00 |
| J. R. Abbott & Co., lumber for cage, | 3.48 |
| A. H. Greeley, goods and making clothes, | 20.97 |
| E. D. Putney, goods for paupers, | 16.39 |
| G. A. Cochran, services as overseer, | 20.00 |
| G. A. & J. A. Whittemore, goods for paupers | 4.60 |
| A. Fairfield, goods for Curtis family, | 132.35 |
| G. A. Cochran, finding settlement of Betsey Bell, | 4.00 |
| L. Thompson, tin funnel collar, | .17 |
| | $677.77 |

*Notes Paid.*

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|---|---|---|---|
| A. Fairfield, | $219.98 | Mark True, | $1,130.52 |
| H. Eaton, | 160.26 | Milton McCoy | 347.82 |
| Anna Fletcher, | 446.96 | Helen P. Ramsey, | 713.43 |
| Geo. L. Herrick, | 331.90 | Mary Moulton, | 103.82 |
| Mary D. Nesmith, | 107.90 | L. Campbell, | 238.88 |
| William M. Conn, | 366.38 | A. L. Pike, | 30.23 |
| Imla Wright, Exr., | 170.68 | Nancy B. Mussey, | 55.99 |
| James Wood, | 378.87 | Ella M. Pike, | 154.87 |
| M. W. Fuller, | 1,553 58 | Benj. D. Felch, | 182.49 |
| Samuel Wood, | 428.74 | Augusta S. Carr, | 73.18 |
| H. Griffin, | 1,111.58 | William N. Tuttle, | 118.18 |
| Jane Hill, | 418.80 | N. B. Herrick, | 564.04 |
| Persis Wilson, | 102.56 | | |
| | | | $9,511.64 |

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| Amount of Bonds sold, | $17,800.00 |
| Total amount of liabilities, | $17800.00 |
| In the Treasury, | $1591.37 |
| In Collector's hands, | 70.68 |
| Due from sale of poor farm property, | 270.00 |
| | $1932.95 |

Whole amount of liabilities,.....$17,800.00
Due the town,..... 1,932.05

Whole amount of town debt,.....$15,867.95

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

ALMUS FAIRFIELD,
R. P. WHITTEMORE, } *Auditors.*

GEO. A. COCHRAN,
LEANDER SMITH,
WM. N. TUTTLE, } *Selectmen of Antrim.*

Antrim, N. H., March 1, 1873.

## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Whole cost of poor per town orders,.....$677.77

Reuben Butters, Betsey Swain, Almira Tuttle, and A. J. Curtis are boarded at A. H. Greeley's for $11.25 per week. The wife and four children of A. J. Curtis are receiving aid. The widow John Barker has received aid. Her brothers inform us that she shall not be of any expense to the town.

The list for poor orders will be found on a preceeding page.

Respectfully submitted, by

GEO. A. COCHRAN, *Overseer.*

Antrim, March 1, 1873.

WEBBER & HARNDEN,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE, N. H.

S. O. BOWERS,
DENTIST.

*Office in Whittemore's Block. - - Up Stairs.*
HILLSBORO' BRIDGE, N. H.

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*DEALER IN*
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*Watches, Jewelry and Plated Ware,*
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S. DOW WYMAN,
DEALER IN
FLOUR, MEAL, CORN, SHORTS, &C.,
*Opposite the Depot, - - Hillsboro' Bridge, N. H.*

D. W. C. NEWMAN,

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Keeps constantly on hand a general assortment of

DRY GOODS, WOOLENS, CROCKERY,

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DUTTON & MORSE,

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H. MARCY,

**W. I. GOODS, GROCERIES,**

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# SCHOOL

AND

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF THE

# TOWN OF ANTRIM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

# MARCH 1, 1874.

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# SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—Having from the selectmen received the appointment of Superintending School Committee, I entered upon its duties September last; and now, in connection with my predecessor, Dr. J. R. Kimball, present the following report of the condition of the schools for the year ending March, 1874:

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term, Grammar and Primary Departments in one room.
Miss EMILY F. TUTTLE, Teacher.

At the school meeting in the spring it was decided, by a vote of the district, to have but *one* school in the summer. This, it seems to me, was a mistake, as it nearly or quite doubles the duties of the teacher; and, as a consequence, renders the term—although longer, it may be—less profitable. But as it was decided to consolidate, the district was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Tuttle, who has proved herself fully equal to the emergency.

Beginning the term with *two* schools, she remodeled *both*, and formed of the *two*, *one* well regulated,

working school, and the examination showed to those present good results in every respect. No one present at the examination would hesitate in pronouncing the term a success. I think it is but doing justice to the teacher to say that this has been, all things considered, the best term's work ever performed in this room. Very few, who have not been teachers themselves, realize fully the amount of labor to be performed in such a school.

Winter Term, Primary School. EMILY F. TUTTLE, Teacher.

Miss T. has fully sustained her reputation as a teacher in this school. In this department she has few equals. This district cannot safely run the risk to have any other teacher in this school, so long as her services can be secured.

Grammar School. JENNY NESMITH, Teacher.

An experienced, thorough, energetic teacher, who is not afraid of work, and has the enviable faculty of being able to inspire others to work with her. A successful term in every respect. Recitations in Analysis very superior. The improvement in writing very decided. The order faultless.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term. Miss KATIE R. PRESTON, Teacher.

Miss Preston's record as a teacher has ever been good, and her work in this school was performed with her accustomed energy. Promptness was the characteristic feature.

One thing is found in this school which is found all too often in all common schools—viz.: a tendency

among parents to push their children into higher studies without even consulting the teacher as to their fitness for such promotion. I hold that a person who is capable of *teaching* a school is also capable of saying what are the proper studies for its pupils, after, of course, making necessary inquiries.

The examination of this, as of several others, I was unable to attend, but feel safe in saying satisfaction was given to parents and pupils.

Fall Term. KATIE R. PRESTON, Teacher.

Miss P. taught this school with her usual success, meriting and securing the approbation of all interested in having a good school. We regard her as one of the best teachers in town.

Winter Term. ABBIE C. MORSE, Teacher.

An excellent scholar, thorough teacher, a faithful worker, and devoted to the interests of the school. Those scholars who seconded the efforts of their teacher made very commendable progress. But others, careless and idle, showing a greater development of destructiveness and boisterousness in-doors and outside, degrade the school from the high standing it ought to have in view of the superior advantages here possessed.

The scholars were required to *prepare* and *recite* the lessons, and the teacher heard the recitations and gave the necessary instruction—a method we commend to several of our teachers.

The order was not up to the standard; too much whispering and disturbance generally for profit.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term. Miss ABBIE MORSE, Teacher.

For practical teaching (and this, I think, is the true teaching), Miss Morse is one of the best teachers that have ever been in your schools. Thoroughness marks every step, clearness of explanation does away with the necessity for using so much of the time in getting the scholars to understand what they pass over, and in consequence rapid and thorough progress is made.

Winter Term. MARY E. ROBERTSON, Teacher.

An amiable and kind teacher, desirous of the best interest of the school; successful in teaching the younger scholars, but lacking the energy, and, we regret to say, the thorough scholarship, desirable for such scholars as are found in that school. But the praiseworthy course pursued by the parents in sustaining the teacher made the term quite profitable. We trust that in future, by *early* securing known competent teachers, they may experience the satisfaction of having one of the best schools in town.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer Term. Miss ADDIE GOULD, Teacher.

This is one of the smallest schools in town, but was fortunately under the charge of a faithful teacher—one willing to do her whole duty, even in a small school. The school was small in numbers, but good advancement was made. No one could call the school dull, although small, for every one was at work. The term closed with a good examination.

Winter Term. Mr. F. B. Adams, Teacher.

A small school, but, with an excellent teacher, very profitable. Order perfect in-doors and about the house. The examination showed that the teacher had been thorough in his instructions, and the scholars studious and diligent. We trust that the services of Mr. A. will be secured for another term.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term. Miss Alma F. Shattuck, Teacher.

One prominent and praiseworthy feature in this school was the fact that no lesson was allowed to pass by until it had been recited *correctly*. None but good results can come from a school in which this is the ruling principle; and the closing exercises showed that the rule was good in this case. The term was pleasant, profitable, and, so far as I have learned, satisfactory.

Winter Term. Lucy F. Morse, Teacher.

Altogether too amiable a young lady for this school. The instruction was excellent, but, as we judge, not appreciated. The order in the school-room faulty, and the conduct of the scholars at recess, in-doors and outside, shameful. We counsel the parents in this district to visit their school and see how their own children conduct themselves. A teacher of the "Hopkins" stamp would not be out of place in Districts 3 and 5, for one term, at least.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer Term. Miss Lucy Morse, Teacher.

Miss Morse is well calculated to succeed as a teacher—practical and thorough in her instruction, and

pleasant in her method of governing her school. This was a good term's work. Teacher and pupils worked together for the good of the whole, harmony prevailed through the entire term, and the examination was evidence of constant labor and close application.

Winter Term. ALMA F. SHATTUCK, Teacher.

We endorse all said of Miss S. as a teacher in report of No. 5. The exercises of the examination were excellent; the reading superior; the order faultless.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term. Miss SADIE TANDY, Teacher.

The close of this term did not quite realize my first expectations—not from any failing or lack in the teacher, for she worked incessantly to bring the school up to her ideal. With part of the scholars she succeeded, but others could not be roused from their usual slow pace, and to these the term was not what I hoped it might be. The term was, however, a successful one, as the examination plainly showed.

Winter Term. KATIE R. PRESTON, Teacher.

As successful here as in other districts where she has taught. This school is made up in part by scholars from Deering, who bring in books not used in our schools. We suggest that if scholars out of town come into our schools, they must provide themselves with books of the same kind used by us.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

One Term. TRYPHENA P. TENNEY, Teacher.

This school has not yet closed, but is in every respect satisfactory. The few scholars composing the school are reaping the benefits of having a teacher who knows how to instruct, and daily impart knowledge that will be of the greatest utility in after life.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer Term. Miss NETTIE KNOWLTON, Teacher.

Miss Knowlton is young, and a beginner in the teachers' ranks; but, with correct ideas of how a school ought to be conducted, she made the term a good one. This is one of the schools whose examination I was unable to attend, but from conversation with members of the district, I think satisfaction was given to all.

Winter Term. NELLIE M. JACKSON, Teacher.

We need only say that Miss J. gave unqualified satisfaction to her patrons. She is wide awake herself, and at the examination showed a live school. We trust a brilliant career as a teacher is before her.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

One Term. MYRA E. MCILVIN, Teacher.

Scholars in the district, 3; from other districts, 6—thus enabling an active, inventive teacher to keep herself employed. The school was well taught and made good progress.

### DISTRICT NO. 12.

Miss ABBIE CLEAVES, Teacher, both Terms.

This is another of the small schools in town, but like No. 4, fortunately had a teacher willing to do her duty, even though it be given her on a small scale. The scholars were kept at work constantly—no time was wasted—and, as a natural consequence, the progress was *good*. One class in Mental Arithmetic, especially, made excellent improvement. At the examination their recitations showed a thoroughness rarely seen in so young scholars. In all classes, thoroughness was the order of the day.

### DISTRICT NO. 13.

One Term. ETTA F. NICHOLS, Teacher.

This town furnishes three scholars, and Hillsboro' one. The supervision of this school required the combined care and labor of two S. S. Committees and two Prudential Committees; which, united with the faithful labors of a good scholar for a teacher, has secured a good school, at an expense of $8.00 for each scholar for the term.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

In the spring a term of eleven weeks was taught by our well-known and experienced teacher, James E. Vose; which gave our older scholars an opportunity to make greater advances in the higher branches, of which many availed themselves with very gratifying results. The number of scholars was about seventy-five.

Mr. V. having received a louder call to a neighboring town, the services of Miss A. C. Morse were engaged for the fall term, and a profitable school of 30 scholars was the result.

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I have but a few words to say in concluding my report, but feel that it is but doing justice to the teachers to say that it rarely happens that a town is supplied with such *honest, faithful* teachers as this town has been during the past summer. Harmony has prevailed in each school, so far as I am informed.

No change has been made in text-books; but to make a beneficial change in respect to tardiness and absence from school, which has become a great fault in the schools in this, as well as in other towns, I established a "Roll of Honor," with this condition: "Every scholar who is not absent from school one-half day, nor tardy during the term (cases of sickness being made exceptional), shall have his or her name printed in the town report, under the heading of Roll of Honor." I find that, even during the first term of its trial, it has made a decided change for the better in each school; the instances of tardiness being very much diminished. This, of course, must make the schools more profitable.

Now, with sincere thanks to all who have so kindly and generously aided and supported me in my duties as Superintendent, and more especially to the teachers and scholars for their never-failing respect

and many kindnesses shown me during my visits to their respective schools, I close my labors and connections with your schools.

Respectfully,

J. R. KIMBALL,

*Superintending School Committee.*

Antrim, N. H., July 29, 1873.

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In addition to the suggestions of Dr. Kimball, we wish to state a few facts respecting the state of our schools, and bespeak the careful consideration of the tax-payers of the town.

In Districts Nos. 4, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13, there are 40 scholars, making an average of 6 2-3 scholars to each district. The amount of money expended for these schools was $337.10; for each scholar, $8.43. Now we inquire if some plan should not be devised and executed, by which these districts should be united or attached to other districts, so that the money expended for teachers shall benefit a greater number of our children, and secure longer terms of school. In three of these districts, they have less than ten weeks of school in a year. In the others they have longer terms, but very few scholars to get the benefit of the instructions of their teachers. We submit these facts, and urge that something be done.

We have urged upon all the importance of giving especial attention to reading and spelling; believing that

good reading and spelling is the foundation of a good education, and that without these, it is impossible to make desirable advancement in the other branches of education. We ask for co-operation of all parents in this matter—especially that they do not allow their children to take a higher grade of reading books till the lower one is mastered, can be read with fluency and be understood,

Finally we plead that the earnest, continued care of all our citizens be exerted in behalf of our schools. See to it that teachers who are well educated, and who have common sense, be early secured; and then be watchful of them and of your children. Show, at home and at the school-room, that you are interested in the work.

MARK TRUE,

*Superintending School Committee.*

Antrim, N. H., Feb. 18, 1874.

# TABLE OF STATISTICS.

SUMMER TERMS.

| Districts. | Length. | Scholars. | Average Attendance. | Tardiness. | Visits by S. S. C. | Visits by P. C. | Visits by Citizens. | Cost for each Scholar. | Wages of Teacher per month. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 10 | 42 | 38 | 9 | 2 | | 41 | | $34 00 |
| 2 | 9 | 35 | 33 | 32 | 2 | 1 | 45 | | 26 00 |
| 3 | 10 | 19 | 18 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 36 | | 24 00 |
| 4 | 10 | 6 | $4\frac{3}{4}$ | 3 | 2 | | 25 | | 16 00 |
| 5 | 7 | 13 | $12\frac{1}{4}$ | 26 | 3 | 1 | 23 | | 22 00 |
| 6 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 3 | | 7 | | 24 00 |
| 7 | 8 | 10 | $9\frac{1}{6}$ | 6 | 3 | | 10 | | 20 00 |
| 9 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 9 | | 20 00 |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | |

WINTER TERMS.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1P. | 13 | 34 | $25\frac{1}{2}$ | 26 | 3 | 1 | 24 | $3 00 | $32 00 |
| 1G. | 13 | 30 | 23 | 204 | 3 | 1 | 32 | 4 33 | 40 00 |
| 2P. | 8 | 34 | $28\frac{3}{5}$ | 35 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 1 72 | 30 00 |
| 2G. | 11 | 35 | 33 | 77 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 2 96 | 38 00 |
| 3 | 12 | 24 | 21 | 63 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 3 16 | 29 00 |
| 4 | 10 | 12 | $8\frac{1}{3}$ | 36 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 8 25 | 36 50 |
| 5 | 10 | 20 | 16 | 45 | 2 | | 20 | 3 31 | 30 00 |
| 6 | 11 | 18 | 15 | 37 | 2 | | 18 | 2 20 | 24 00 |
| 7 | 12 | 19 | $15\frac{3}{7}$ | 34 | 1 | | 13 | 4 10 | 26 00 |
| 8 | 9 | 6 | $5\frac{4}{5}$ | 9 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 7 50 | 20 00 |
| 9 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 2 60 | 22 00 |
| 10 | 9 | 9 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 11 67 | 20 00 |
| 12 | 12 | 7 | $6\frac{1}{5}$ | 14 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 65 | 22 50 |
| 13 | 10 | 2 | $1\frac{2}{3}$ | 15 | 2 | | 10 | 8 00 | 24 20 |

# ROLL OF HONOR.

*SUMMER TERM.*

DISTRICT No. 1.

| | |
|---|---|
| Georgie T. Woodbury, | Mary Saltmarsh, |
| Harvey P. Clark, | Viola Hatch, |
| Harry Simonds, | Stella A. Hill, |
| Ned Simonds, | Jennie Hart, |
| John A. Butterfield. | Gracie Hill. |

DISTRICT No. 2.

| | |
|---|---|
| Bertie True, | Jennie Huntley, |
| Harlie Abbott, | Louise Newman, |
| George Wilkins, | Carrie Brooks, |
| Ira Hutchinson, | Julia Hastings, |
| George Sawyer, | Sarah Brooks, |
| Frank Holt, | Lynda Hutchinson, |
| Alden Hutchinson. | Mary Brooks, |
| | Emma Holt, |
| | Ella Holt, |
| | Gertie Hastings, |
| | Minnie Hastings. |

DISTRICT No. 3.

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|---|---|
| Charlie Stacy. | Clara A. Conn, |
| | Mary E. Conn, |
| | Martha E. Conn, |
| | Lizzie C. Stacy, |
| | Ella E. Little, |
| | Mabel F. Stacy. |

DISTRICT No. 4.

Emma J. Duncan,
Anna May Turner.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Ida J. Cram,
Lucy A. Carr,
Minnie V. Holmes.

DISTRICT No. 6.

| | |
|---|---|
| Gilman Wilkins. | Junia E. Barker, |
| | Abi L. McIlvin, |
| | Betsey Wilkins, |
| | Nellie M. Barker, |
| | Mary J. Swett. |

DISTRICT No. 7.

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|---|---|
| Willis Buttrick, | Alice A. Gould, |
| Harvey White, | Mary S. White, |
| Herbie Gould, | Mattie Butterfield, |
| Walter Jameson. | Charlotte Buttrick |

DISTRICT No. 12.

Mary E. Munhall.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

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|---|---|
| The amount of taxes committed to Samuel A. Holt for collection, | $6989 65 |
| Interest on taxes, | 15 46 |
| | $7005 11 |

Paid as follows:

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|---|---|
| Sundry receipts from Treasurer, | $6811 00 |
| Interest on taxes, | 15 46 |
| Non-resident highway taxes worked out, | 47 48 |
| Remaining in Collector's hands, | 131 17 |
| | $7005 11 |

### RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

| | |
|---|---|
| From Treasurer of 1872, | $1591 37 |
| Collector of 1873, | 6811 00 |
| Savings bank tax, | 1411 12 |
| Railroad tax, | 10 39 |
| Literary fund, | 120 54 |
| Interest on taxes, | 15 46 |
| Collector of 1872, | 61 23 |
| Interest on taxes of 1872, | 2 54 |
| C. H. Griffin, for plank, | 1 00 |
| L. H. Brooks, highway tax not worked out, | 23 38 |
| Town of Bennington, balance due on Baldwin bridge, | 135 95 |
| U. S. bounty, | 20 00 |
| Insurance tax, | 3 75 |
| | $10,207 73 |

### SCHOOL ORDERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. M. Duncan, for Dist. No, 1, | $354 67 |
| C. D. Sawyer, " " 2, | 234 72 |
| H. B. McIlvin, " " 3, | 175 64 |
| Geo. Turner, " " 4, | 131 63 |
| Ira Holmes, " " 5, | 74 95 |
| A. R. Barker, " " 6, | 53 22 |
| R. P. Whittemore, " " 7, | 67 63 |
| H. E. Dutton, " " 8, | 41 42 |

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|---|---|---|
| B. F. McIlvin, for | Dist. No. 9, | $44 27 |
| Lewis Green, | " " 10, | 35 10 |
| James W. Perkins, | " " 12, | 59 54 |
| Sophrona Tuttle, | " " 13, | 25 14 |
| Wm. Weston, | " " 14, | 10 17 |
| | | $1308 10 |

## BREAKING ROADS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| E. D. Putney, | $27 22 | J. W. Perkins, | 36 94 |
| E. F. Gould, | 22 30 | C. F. Whitney, | 11 25 |
| E. B. Smith, | 28 92 | H. J. Combs, | 7 87 |
| S. Dinsmore, | 20 39 | R. Sawyer, | 1 20 |
| H. E. Dutton, | 15 30 | I. Wright, | 24 60 |
| F. Robinson, | 7 80 | E. D. Putney, | 60 74 |
| T. S. Worthley, | 43 18 | J. Boyd, | 25 10 |
| Geo. Brown, | 7 00 | C. Appleton, | 35 05 |
| C. A. Conn, | 49 78 | Geo. A. Cochran, | 30 92 |
| B. Tuttle, | 31 80 | D. White, | 12 52 |
| W. R. Carr, | 45 04 | G. G. Hutchinson, | 36 61 |
| Geo. Turner, | 9 60 | A. R. Barker, | 35 36 |
| O. K. Carr, | 16 81 | O. K. Carr, | 2 54 |
| Wm. M. Conn, | 19 16 | E. Bass, | 4 65 |
| A. Brown, | 4 0 | J. Boyd, | 5 85 |
| T. D. Twiss, | 12 61 | A. Cochran, | 6 60 |
| G. F. Parmenter, | 8 71 | H. E. Dutton, | 19 65 |
| R. B. Hopkins, | 4 67 | T. Flint, | 4 31 |
| S. A. Holt, | 10 02 | G. E. Butterfield, | 9 00 |
| J. D. Mathews, | 5 90 | J. Worthley, | 7 30 |
| D. Swett, | 7 29 | C. W. Roach, | 8 10 |
| M. B. Tuttle, | 14 40 | H. M. Barker, | 13 65 |
| Wm. Curtis, | 13 90 | H. A. Rogers, | 7 50 |
| S. Dinsmore, | 7 42 | L. A. White, | 9 75 |
| C. A. Conn, | 15 52 | J. R. Goodell, | 5 60 |
| Amos Dodge, | 26 10 | F. M. Shattuck, | 14 59 |
| H. J. Combs, | 3 55 | L. H. Brooks, | 8 80 |
| L. M. Curtis, | 2 10 | | |
| J. G. Flint, | 22 15 | | $948 69 |

## TOWN ORDERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| F. M. Shattuck, work on Baldwin bridge, | $ 4 50 |
| Sargent & Whittemore, printing town reports, | 22 50 |
| J. D. Clement, bridge timber, | 2 00 |
| J. N. P. Woodbury, damage to horse, | 80 00 |
| Edgar Hazen, referee on Woodbury horse case, | 3 00 |
| E. D. Putney, use of room and stationery, 1872, | 3 50 |
| W. R. Carr, putting up guide boards, | 1 50 |
| Olivia B. Sawyer, for winter road, | 2 25 |
| Wm. Curtis, watering place, 1872, | 2 00 |
| J. R. Kimball, services as S. S. Committee, | 35 00 |
| E. Bass, county tax, | 704 05 |
| Gilman Stacy, lumber for Baldwin bridge, | 58 42 |
| F. D. Appleton, labor on Cochran bridge, | 9 80 |
| F. M. Shattuck, work on Branch road, | 42 50 |
| S. Morse, work on Baldwin bridge, | 20 00 |
| T. McClintock, castings for Baldwin bridge, | 27 00 |
| L. W. Hill, iron work for Baldwin bridge, | 111 30 |

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| E. Z. Hastings, work and lumber for Baldwin bridge, | $15 90 |
| Jane Hills, tax on money in savings bank, | 10 40 |
| C. A. Conn, work on road, | 5 00 |
| R. B. Hopkins, work on bridge, | 1 88 |
| E. W. Esty, lumber, railing and repairing bridge, | 17 50 |
| Ira Holmes, bridge plank, | 14 83 |
| W. R. Carr, work on road and bridges, | 36 30 |
| T. D. Twiss, work on road, | 3 78 |
| John Emery, watering place two years, | 4 50 |
| D. Swett, work on road and bridge plank, | 31 94 |
| O. K. Carr, work on road, | 5 84 |
| S. Dinsmore, work on road, | 24 00 |
| T. Flint, sheep killed by dog, | 5 00 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, stone for Baldwin bridge, | 1 50 |
| R. Sawyer, work on road, | 9 00 |
| H. J. Combs, cutting bushes, | 4 00 |
| H. M. Barker, work on road, | 29 86 |
| C. Butterfield, building new road, | 30 00 |
| G. F. Parmenter, drawing lumber for Baldwin bridge, | 5 00 |
| Thomas Poor, plank and timber, | 34 96 |
| Thomas Poor, guide boards, | 1 50 |
| E. Bass, work on Baldwin bridge, | 15 00 |
| J. W. Eaton, work on Baldwin bridge, | 2 00 |
| G. B. Woodbridge, work on Baldwin bridge, | 2 92 |
| W. N. Tuttle, work on Baldwin bridge, | 33 50 |
| D. L. Guernsey, stationery, | 3 77 |
| Alvah Dodge, work on Baldwin bridge, | 31 75 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, bridge plank, | 8 50 |
| F. M. Shattuck, repairing road, | 5 00 |
| D. H. Goodell, tax on machinery sold, | 25 00 |
| L. Smith, drawing lumber for Baldwin bridge, | 8 00 |
| D. H. Goodell, boards for Baldwin bridge, | 77 85 |
| D. F. Hunt, sawing lumber, | 23 65 |
| E. Bass, state tax, | 2136 00 |
| Wm. Weston, work on Forest road, | 3 00 |
| W. F. Butterfield, land damage, | 25 00 |
| J. B. Woodbury & Son, nails and paints for Baldwin bridge, | 30 25 |
| W. R. Carr, work on Baldwin bridge, | 5 12 |
| S. Forsaith, tin for Baldwin bridge, | 70 |
| E. Bass, interest on money advanced, | 8 00 |
| A. R. Barker, work on road, | 15 83 |
| J. M. & W. W. Robb, bridge plank, | 68 00 |
| Wm. Curtis, loss of cow by defective railing, | 30 00 |
| A. Fairfield, use of room, | 2 00 |
| J. Loveren, damage to wagon, | 5 00 |
| H. B. McIlvin, surveying plank, | 3 00 |
| A. Story, watering place, | 3 00 |
| Amos Dodge, work on road, | 7 35 |
| G. G Hutchinson, services as sexton, | 11 50 |
| W. R. Carr, services as sexton, | 1 50 |
| Jane Hills, highway tax on money in savings bank, | 1 85 |
| J. D. Mathews, work on Forest road, | 12 00 |
| Wm. Curtis, watering place, | 3 00 |
| G. F. Parmenter, services as constable, | 2 00 |
| G. E. Butterfield, sheep killed by dog, | 4 00 |
| J. S. Parmenter, care of town house, | 5 00 |
| Chas. Knott, painting guide boards, | 2 50 |

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| J. M. Duncan, services as fishing warden, | | 1 50 |
| Mark True, services as S. S. Committee, | | 40 00 |
| C. B. Dodge, return of births and deaths, | | 7 25 |
| C. B. Dodge, drawing and notifying jurors, | | 8 00 |
| C. B. Dodge, making records, | | 12 00 |
| L. A. White, work on road, | | 3 45 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, services as sexton, | | 13 00 |
| S. A. Peasley, tax on property not taxable in 1872, | | 6 75 |
| J. R. Goodell, sheep killed by dog, | | 4 00 |
| W. M. Sargent, printing notices and blanks, | | 3 25 |
| W. N. Tuttle, services as selectman, | | 51 00 |
| L. Smith, services as selectman, | | 48 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, services as selectman, | | 90 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, postage stamps. | | 75 |
| E. Bass, services as treasurer, | | 50 00 |
| W. R. Carr, over tax, | | 3 20 |
| G. E. Butterfield, work on road, | | 5 00 |
| S. A. Holt, services as collector, | | 60 00 |
| E. D. Putney, use of room and stationery, | | 3 50 |
| A. Fairfield, services as auditor, | | 6 00 |
| J. W. Perkins, services as auditor, | | 6 00 |
| Geo. Griswold, damage to wagon, | | 3 85 |
| The road indictment by Josiah Loveren has cost as follows: | | |
| J. Loveren, traveling fees and two days' attendance at court, | $6 10 | |
| M. B. McIlvin, do., | 6 10 | |
| J. H. Hoyt, do., 1 day, | 4 25 | |
| E. Wilson. do., 2 days, | 6 46 | |
| Briggs & Huse, counsel for the town, | 18 00— | 40 91 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, journey to Manchester, to get indictment dismissed. | | 5 00 |
| | | $4533 19 |

## POOR ORDERS.

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|---|---|
| A. H. Greeley, boarding paupers, | $520 50 |
| Wm. R. Carr, wood for Sarah Sawyer, | 40 25 |
| Dr. J. Goodell, medical services for A. J. Curtis' family, 1872, | 32 25 |
| L. M. Curtis, boarding A. J. Curtis, | 58 00 |
| J. R. Kimball, medical services family of A. J. Curtis, | 26 50 |
| Geo. G. Bumpus, boarding A. J. Curtis to Sept., 1873, | 10 93 |
| A. Fairfield, wood for Curtis family, | 22 25 |
| M. Christie, medical services for A. J. Curtis, | 13 75 |
| H. Stacy, bedstead for paupers, 1872, | 2 25 |
| J. Wood, boarding Mrs. M. A. Barker, | 25 00 |
| H. Stacy, moving paupers, 1872, | 3 00 |
| G. P. Little, goods for Curtis family, | 3 10 |
| A. Fairfield, goods for Curtis family, | 75 48 |
| E. D. Putney, goods for paupers at A. H. Greeley's, | 24 74 |
| H. B. Swett, rent of room for Curtis family, | 15 00 |
| M. Christie, medical services for paupers at Greeley's, | 5 00 |
| E. D. Putney, goods for Sarah Sawyer, | 8 70 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, services as overseer of poor, | 5 75 |
| | $892 45 |

Paid Hannah S. True's note, $177 25

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| Whole amount of bonds outstanding, | $16,900 00 |
| Total amount of liabilities, | 16,900 00 |
| In the treasury, | $418 05 |
| In collector's hands, | 131 17 |
| Due from sale of poor farm property, | 281 26 |
| | $830 48 |
| Whole amount of liabilities, | $16,900 00 |
| Due the town, | 830 48 |
| Town debt, | $16,069 52 |
| The cost of the Baldwin bridge to the town of Antrim was | $363 38 |

All of which is respectfully submitted by

ALMUS FAIRFIELD, }
JAMES W. PERKINS, } Auditors.

GEORGE A. COCHRAN, }
LEANDER SMITH, } Selectmen of
WILLIAM N. TUTTLE, } Antrim.

Antrim, N. H., March 2, 1874.

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## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

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|---|---|
| Whole cost of poor, as per town orders, | $892 45 |
| Bills paid for 1872, | 37 50 |
| Paid for support of poor for 1873, | $854 95 |

Reuben Butters, Betsey Swain, Mary A. Barker and Almira Tuttle are boarded at A. H. Greeley's, for $11.25 per week. Mrs. Barker has been at Mr. Greeley's since the 15th of August last, and has been boarded by the town since last June, her relatives refusing to aid her. A. J. Curtis left Mr. Greeley's about the first of May, and was afterward boarded at Mr. L. M. Curtis' until the 29th of July last, when he was taken to the County Farm at Wilton, where he has since been kept at $2.25 per week, which includes medical attendance. Mrs. Curtis and two children are receiving aid. Mrs. Sarah Sawyer has been helped some the past year. The list of poor orders will be found on a preceding page.

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. COCHRAN, Overseer.

Antrim, N. H., March 2, 1872.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

# TOWN OF ANTRIM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

# March 1, 1875.

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HILLSBORO' BRIDGE:
PRINTED BY : : : : WILLIAM M. SARGENT.
1875.

# Financial Report,

## FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1875.

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|---|---|
| The amount of taxes committed to Samuel A. Holt for collection, | $7,452 83 |
| Interest on the same, | 11 77 |
| Interest on taxes, 1873, | 10 84 |
| Amount of uncollected taxes, 1873, | 131 17 |
| | $7,606 61 |

*Paid as follows:*

| | |
|---|---|
| Sundry receipts from the Treasurer, | $7,356 68 |
| Interest on taxes, 1874, | 11 77 |
| Non-resident highway tax worked out, | 32 48 |
| Interest on taxes, 1873, | 10 84 |
| Receipt from Treasurer for taxes, 1873, | 106 77 |
| Draw-back order, 1873, | 15 40 |
| Remaining in Collector's hands, | 72 67 |
| | $7,606 61 |

*Receipts into Treasury.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From Treasurer of 1873, | $ | 418 05 |
| " Collector of 1874, | | 7,356 68 |
| " Savings Bank Tax, | | 1,429 59 |
| " Railroad Tax, | | 11 17 |
| " Literary Fund, | | 104 14 |
| " Insurance Tax, | | 13 50 |
| " United States Bounty, | | 32 00 |
| " Interest on tax 1874, | | 11 77 |
| " Collector, 1873, | | 106 77 |
| " Interest on taxes 1873, | | 10 84 |
| Received from County, | | 133 39 |
| Received on note of H. D. Chapin, | | 100 00 |
| | | $9,627 90 |

*Districts.* *School Orders.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. 1, William H. Hills, | $ | 412 11 |
| No. 2, John E. Hastings, | | 259 24 |
| No. 3, David M. Stacy, | | 170 50 |
| No. 4, John E. Duncan, | | 132 77 |
| No. 5, Josiah Loveren, | | 78 11 |
| No. 6, Mark Wilkins, | | 55 83 |
| No. 7, George E. Butterfield, | | 69 59 |
| No. 8, Israel P. Wellman, | | 47 24 |
| No. 9, B. F. McIlvin, | | 43 57 |
| No. 10, Lewis Green, | | 34 01 |
| No. 13, J. Dow Clement, | | 25 03 |
| No. 14, James D. Mathews, | | 10 08 |
| | | $1,338 08 |

*Town Orders.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Farnum & Scott, printing town reports, | $ | 30 00 |
| H. B. McIlvin, repairing Wilson's wagon, | | 7 00 |
| Morrill & Silsby, blanks, | | 4 35 |
| William A. Hildreth, plank and labor, | | 25 60 |
| County tax, | | 806 73 |
| Interest on money advanced, | | 9 95 |
| Benjamin Kidder, over-tax, | | 1 70 |
| L. M. Wilkins, labor on bridge and highway, | | 2 50 |
| Robert Day, " " " " " | | 4 50 |
| William M. Conn, repairing road, | | 17 16 |
| James Wood, sheep killed by dogs, | | 30 00 |
| W. M. Carr, " " " | | 5 00 |

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|---|---|
| J. W. Perkins, sheep killed by dogs,.....$ | 5 50 |
| N.W.C. Jameson, " " ..... | 5 00 |
| G. E. Butterfield, " " ..... | 4 00 |
| G. M. Duncan, " " " ..... | 4 00 |
| Chandler Butterfield, labor and plank,..... | 4 83 |
| J. B. Woodbury & Son, nails for Cork bridge,..... | 8 00 |
| P. W. Clark, work on Cork bridge,..... | 12 00 |
| W. N. Tuttle, " " " ..... | 18 00 |
| Eben Bass, " " " ..... | 15 50 |
| F. M. Shattuck," " " ..... | 12 00 |
| Geo. Turner, " " " ..... | 16 00 |
| M. D. & A. M. Poor, bridge plank,..... | 7 20 |
| F. M. Shattuck, services as sexton,..... | 3 00 |
| M. D. & A. M. Poor, bridge plank,..... | 5 35 |
| " " " lumber for Cork bridge,..... | 50 |
| A. H. Greeley, labor on the highway,..... | 6 33 |
| S. G. Wallace, labor on bridge,..... | 7 50 |
| Samuel Wood, repairing highway,..... | 3 10 |
| Samuel Gibson, over-tax,..... | 2 55 |
| William Weston, work on Forest road,..... | 3 00 |
| George E. Butterfield, repairing road,..... | 2 75 |
| William N. Tuttle, printer's bill,..... | 2 40 |
| " " " nails for Cork bridge,..... | 2 65 |
| " " " State tax,..... | 1,424 00 |
| James D. Mathews, work on Forest road,..... | 10 50 |
| Almus Fairfield, powder and fuse,..... | 1 06 |
| " " use of room,..... | 2 00 |
| John Emery, support of trough, 1873–4,..... | 3 00 |
| W. F. Dustin, stringers for Dustin bridge,..... | 1 00 |
| Edmund Sawyer, labor on highway,..... | 2 25 |
| M. B. McIlvin, labor on bridge,..... | 1 40 |
| G. F. Parmenter, services as constable,..... | 2 00 |
| A. Story, support of watering trough,..... | 3 00 |
| William N. Tuttle, paid Deering on Cork bridge,..... | 22 49 |
| " " " blank books and postage,..... | 2 63 |
| S. A. Holt, services as first warden, and printing bills, | 4 00 |
| " " services as collector,..... | 48 00 |
| F. C. Parmenter, care of Town House and tolling bell, | 5 00 |
| William R. Carr, labor on bridge,..... | 9 58 |
| Sawyer & Bryer, labor on bridge and highway,..... | 8 89 |
| William Curtis, support of watering trough,..... | 3 00 |
| Daniel McIlvin, labor on highway,..... | 3 50 |
| Charles B. Dodge, recording births and deaths,..... | 6 25 |
| Eben Bass, services as treasurer,..... | 50 00 |
| N. B. Herrick, lumber and labor on highway,..... | 5 30 |
| James Cutter, labor on highway,..... | 2 86 |

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|---|---|
| E. D. Putney, stationery,..... | 2 72 |
| " " use of rooms,..... | 3 50 |
| James Boyd, damage to wagon,..... | 12 00 |
| A. D. White, labor on highway,..... | 2 25 |
| Charles B. Dodge, drawing and notifying jurymen,..... | 8 00 |
| " " " making records,..... | 12 00 |
| L. G. Bass, watering trough,..... | 1 50 |
| H. A. Rogers, services as first warden,..... | 1 00 |
| Eben Bass, express bill,..... | 88 |
| Charles H. Dustin, repairing road,..... | 2 17 |
| G. G. Hutchinson, services as sexton,..... | 5 00 |
| William R. Carr, " " " ..... | 1 50 |
| William N. Tuttle, services as selectman,..... | 80 00 |
| S. S. Sawyer, " " " ..... | 53 00 |
| William R. Carr, " " " ..... | 49 00 |
| William N. Tuttle, services as overseer of poor,..... | 6 00 |
| " " " board of selectmen,..... | 8 00 |
| S. S. Sawyer, expense to Manchester on Parsons case, | 4 50 |
| R. R. Saltmarsh, services as sexton,..... | 9 00 |
| Ed J. Thompson, printing,..... | 50 |
| Almus Fairfield, services as auditor,..... | 5 00 |
| James W. Perkins, " " " ..... | 5 00 |

*Pauper Orders.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Elias B. Smith, boarding Jesse Combs,..... ..... | 9 00 |
| A. H. Greeley, boarding poor,..... | 585 00 |
| Lewis Simonds, boarding Jesse Combs,..... | 139 50 |
| County, boarding A. J. Curtis,..... | 178 32 |
| Lewis Green, boarding Sanford children,..... | 39 00 |
| Morris Christie, medical attendance County poor,..... | 44 50 |
| " " " " Mrs. A. J. Curtis, | 3 00 |
| John B. Woodbury & Son, school books for Atwood,... | 1 67 |
| Leonard B. Curtis, aid to Curtis family,..... | 8 95 |
| Hiram Griffin, stove for Mrs. A. J. Curtis,..... | 6 00 |
| Sylvester Preston, boarding and nursing Jesse Combs, | 35 00 |
| H. B. Swett, rent for Mrs. A. J. Curtis,..... | 8 00 |
| L. M. Wilkins, aid Nahum B. Swett,..... | 49 86 |
| G. P. Little, clothing for poor,..... | 3 15 |
| William Stacy, rent for Mrs. Curtis,..... | 4 00 |
| S. G. Clement, wood for Mrs. Curtis,..... | 10 00 |
| O. K. Carr, wood for Sarah Sawyer,..... | 25 00 |
| Almus Fairfield, goods for Mrs. Curtis,..... | 61 42 |
| " " " " Sarah Sawyer,..... .. | 1 00 |
| " " " " N. B. Swett,..... | 71 |
| E. D. Putney, goods for Sarah Sawyer,..... | 9 56 |

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|---|---|
| Sawyer & Bryer, wood for Mrs. Curtis, | 21 00 |
| E. D. Putney, clothing for poor, | 18 89 |
| William R. Carr, aid to Atwood family, | 2 00 |
| A. H. Greeley, making clothing and bedding, | 5 59 |
| W. M. Conn, wood for Mrs. A. J. Curtis, | 2 00 |
| | $1,272 12 |

*Breaking Roads.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amos Dodge | $ 3 75 | James Wood | $11 25 |
| B. F. Dustin | 10 90 | Frank G. Smith | 10 95 |
| Freeman Pelsy | 17 47 | F. M. Shattuck | 9 90 |
| Samuel Dinsmore | 12 45 | Daniel McIlvin | 24 14 |
| Robert B. Hopkins | 17 73 | George B. Woodbridge, | 4 80 |
| William M. Conn | 12 84 | E. Z. Hastings | 4 80 |
| Charles A. Whittemore, | 11 32 | Chandler Butterfield | 8 85 |
| James A. Tuttle | 14 00 | A. H. Greeley, | 10 79 |
| Samuel A. Holt | 2 40 | C. H. Dustin | 2 70 |
| Lewis Green | 33 30 | G. G. Hutchinson | 9 69 |
| George Turner | 11 20 | James E. Tenney | 31 05 |
| James Boyd | 12 02 | Charles Appleton | 15 37 |
| Clark Hopkins | 2 45 | Samuel Wood | 7 64 |
| George Brown | 7 50 | | |
| Frank Robinson | 4 50 | | $325 76 |

*Credit as follows:*

| | |
|---|---|
| Interest paid on town bonds | $1,023 00 |
| Town orders paid | 5,925 84 |
| Bonds paid | 400 00 |
| Remaining in the treasury | 2,279 06 |
| | $9,627 90 |

*Finances of the Town.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Whole amount of bonds outstanding | $16,500 00 |
| Other outstanding debts, estimated at | 75 00 |
| | $16,575 00 |

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|---|---|
| Remaining in the treasury | $2,279 06 |
| In collector's hands | 72 67 |
| Due from sale of poor farm property | 190 00 |
| | $2,541 73 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Whole amount of liabilities | $16,575 00 |
| Due the town | 2,541 73 |
| Amount of town debt | $14,033 27 |
| Town debt year ending March 1, 1874 | $16,069 52 |
| Town debt year ending March 1, 1875 | $14,033 27 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALMUS FAIRFIELD,
JAMES W. PERKINS, } Auditors.

WILLIAM N. TUTTLE,
S. S. SAWYER,
WILLIAM R. CARR, } Selectmen.

ANTRIM, N. H., March 1, 1875.

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## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Whole cost of poor as per town orders, | | $1,272 12 |
| Received of County, | | 133 39 |
| | | $1,138 73 |
| Paid County for keeping A. J. Curtis for 1873, | | 39 24 |
| Paid for support of poor for 1874, | | $1,099 49 |

Reuben Butters, Betsey Swain, Mary A. Barker and Almira Tuttle are at A. H. Greeley's for $11,25 per week. A. J. Curtis is boarded at the county farm at Wilton, at $3,50 per week, which includes medical attendance. Mrs. Curtis and two children are receiving aid. Mrs. Sarah Sawyer has received some aid the past year. Jesse Combs has been supported the past year for $3,50 per week. There is now due the town from the guardian of Mary A. Barker, $12,00. The list of poor orders will be found on a preceeding page.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM N. TUTTLE, *Overseer.*

Antrim, N. H., March 1, 1875.

Perhaps a word just here would not be out of place, taking into account the brief time which we have had to give the statistics of our schools. The sudden and unlooked for, as well as untimely removal, by death, of the S. S. Committee, has rendered it necessary that some one should fill the vacancy. The lot fell to us, which, though reluctantly accepted, we have endeavored to perform to the best of our ability, the duties incumbent upon us. No report of the schools, having been left by the deceased, we have no means of giving a personal report thereof. We hope that we have succeeded in giving a fair statistical report of all the schools.

We are sorry to report so much tardiness in some of our schools. "Promptness" should be the motto of every schoolboy and girl. Much credit belongs to No's 8 and 10, there being not a single instance of lateness reported. As far as we are able to learn the schools, as a unit have been well conducted and due satisfaction given. Earnestly pleading your indulgence, suffice it that we express our thanks for the honor conferred upon us.

ABBOTT F. TRUE.

Antrim, N. H., Feb. 23, 1875.

# TABLE OF STATISTICS.

## SUMMER TERMS.

| Districts. | Length. | Scholars. | Average Attendance. | Tardiness. | Visits by S. S. C. | Visits by P. C. | Visits by Citizens. | Cost for each Scholar. | Wages of Teacher per month. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 12 | 47 | 40¾ | 47 | 2 | 1 | 48 | | $33 00 |
| 2 | 9 | 38 | 31 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 25 | | 30 00 |
| 3 | 9 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 2 | | 25 | | 24 00 |
| 4 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 5 | | 16 00 |
| 5 | 8 | 14 | 12⅜ | 11 | 2 | 1 | 10 | | 24 00 |
| 6 | 8 | 9 | 8½ | 23 | 1 | 1 | 33 | | 22 00 |
| 7 | 6 | 10 | 9¼ | 6 | 2 | | 22 | | 16 00 |
| 8 | 8 | 3 | 3 | | 2 | 3 | 11 | | 22 90 |
| 9 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 10 | | 22 00 |
| 10 | 6 | 9 | 9 | | 2 | 2 | 10 | | 17 00 |

## WINTER TERMS.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P1 | 10 | 40 | 34 | 39 | 3 | 2 | 34 | $2 00 | $34 00 |
| G1 | 10 | 34 | 30⅜ | 81 | 1 | | 19 | 2 50 | 38 00 |
| P2 | 8 | 33 | 32 | 3 | 2 | | 26 | 1 81 | 30 00 |
| G2 | 11 | 31 | 28½ | 63 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 28 | 37 00 |
| 3 | 11 | 21 | 17½ | 42 | 3 | 1 | 39 | 3 79 | 29 00 |
| 4 | 10 | 16 | 10 | 63 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 5 00 | 32 00 |
| 5 | 12 | 26 | 21 | 74 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 4 61 | 40 00 |
| 6 | 10 | 19 | 18 | 39 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 3 68 | 28 00 |
| 7 | 9 | 10 | 8⅝ | 15 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 4 50 | 18 00 |
| 9 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 2 | | 7 | 4 27 | 22 00 |

Coulson 142
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# SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—In compliance with law and custom it becomes our duty to report the condition of our schools the past year: So far as we are able to judge from our short acquaintance more than usual progress has been made in the majority of Districts. This fact we attribute mainly to the employment of experienced teachers, and the interest taken and encouragement afforded by the parents and friends of the pupils.

The instruction, in our largest schools at least, has been practical, and more attention has been paid to thoroughness than to the mere momorizing a little here and there for a show at examination.

The corps of teachers employed the past year has been largely of a high order, and we congratulate the prudential committees upon their selections. We rate it the poorest of poor economy to employ cheap teachers. If the "best is cheapest" in anything, it certainly is in this. If we have a house to build, we naturally look about us for some one skilled in the art of building—if we have children to educate we should none the less employ persons who know how to go to work to accomplish what they undertake. We have strongly recommended that each pupil occupy a portion of the time each day in writing, and we are happy to report that the suggestion has been generally adopted, and that the books, exhibited at the close of each term, show that great improvement has been made in this direction. In the History, little has been accomplished. We are fully convinced that in our common schools, too much importance is attached, and

too much time devoted to Arithmetic, and too little to Reading, Writing, and History. In this land of republican liberty where every citizen is, by his own right, a ruler, is it not important that the young should be taught something of the trials, the bravery and endurance, of our fathers in the great struggle for civil liberty; History is a wise counselor, and a knowledge of it cannot fail to elevate the patriotism of the rising generation. We know the time for study is short and the requirements many; but, the less time we have, the more it becomes our duty to teach our children that which will be of the most benefit to them. One suggestion we wish to make is that each district procure a suitable Dictionary, and keep, and *use* it in the schools. At nearly every visit we have made we have noticed frequent, (and in many instances uncorrected) mispronunciation of words. To most scholars these common schools afford their greatest oportunity, hence it is of the first importance that they learn here to read and speak the English Language correctly. In the matter of text books we have saw fit to order but one change, viz: the Franklin series of Readers for the series now in use. We think this a move in the right direction. The old books, a good enough one withal, has served its time in our school. The scholars have become familiar with its contents by long use and take little interest in reading what they have read and heard read so many times. With a new, fresh, sparkling series like the Franklin, their interest in this important branch of learning will be revived, and the results will many times repay the small expense. And the expense of the change is really small, as many would be obliged to buy new books of the old series, and those having the old books, no matter how badly worn, can exchange them for the new ones at half price.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

### Primary department.

Both terms were taught by Miss Nellie Jackson.

Miss Jackson evinced much aptitude in teaching young scholars, and was the right teacher in the right place. Both terms in this department were an entire success, and we doubt not this statement will coincide with the opinions of the many citizens present at the examinations.

Grammar department. Summer Term. Taught by Miss Myra McIlvaine,

There was much dissatisfaction with this school expressed; we were called upon twice to visit it on account of bad order and unruly scholars. Miss McIlvaine labored hard and tried to do her duty by her scholars, and under a little different circumstances would have made the term a successful one. We fully believe in corporeal punishment, but we think its infliction should be firm, certain, and with no regrets, afterwards expressed, to destroy its effect.

Winter Term. Mr. F. B. Adams, Teacher.

We found the order at the close of the term very good. Mr. Adams is entitled to much credit for his labor in behalf of this school. The classes in mathematics made good progress; in grammar and geography fair. The progress in other branches, except reading, was satisfactory, the performance of the reading classes we rate as quite poor, lacking interest, expression and force. This school needs a thorough drilling in this branch, which evidently it has not had in this or any terms past. Complaint was made from time to time that some of the scholars did not learn; we think, however, that they made some improvement in the direction of orderly behavior—and, if this was the most, it may have been their own fault and not the fault of the teacher.

The success of this term was somewhat marred by the presence of one or two young fellows who seemed to have no sense of manly conduct or due proprieties of a school room. They should have been summarily expelled for the benefit of the rest of the school, and had we been called upon to interfere we certainly should have taken this course.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

This is one of the very best schools. We congratulate the Prudential Committee on his choice of teachers. Miss F. H. Nesmith, teacher of the first and third terms, needs no praise at our hands. Having the confidence of the people and the entire respect of the scholars, her efforts were successful. We entered this school for

one of the premiums offered by Pro. J. E. Vose and D. H. Goodell Esq., through the Oak Park Association, for the best common school. Though several other towns entered schools for the premiums, we have the pleasure of announcing that this school took the first premium, a set of books valued at $40. Miss Nellie L. Allds, who had charge of the second term, is a teacher of much experience, and labored here to a very good purpose. Harmony and order prevailed in her school, and, at the closing examination, the general feeling was one of mutual satisfaction.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

The first term of this school was taught by Miss Kate Preston; we found the order very good, and, at the close of the term, noticed a fair improvement in all the brauches taught.

The second term was taught by Miss F. H. Nesmith. At the close of this term we found that more than usual progress had been made. The second class in reading and the class of beginners in grammar are worthy of special mention.

The third term of this school, under the charge of the same teacher, is still in session. That it will be a successful one is a forgone conclusion. We cannot too highly commend Miss N's management and method of instruction.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

First Term. Taught by Miss Alma Shattuck. Found only five pupils at our first visit, but they were studious, orderly and well advanced. At the close we found more pupils, and that a marked improvement had been made,—in arithmetic and reading especially. Miss Shattuck's labor here was well worthy of her hire. The examination afforded us much pleasure, and we regard this as one of the best schools we have had in town.

The Winter Term was under the charge of Mr. James P. Tuttle of New Boston. Mr. Tuttle is a young man of good address and much energy, and, as a teacher, proved himself qualified to take up this school where Miss Shattuck left it. We regard his labor here as successful. At the closing examination we found the order good. The arithmetic class recited by topic and showed familiarity with

their subjects. Improvement made in reading is also worthy of mention.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term. Taught by Miss Ida McIlvaine. This was her first attempt at teaching. The order was not such as we like to see in a schoolroom, however, some progress was made. The primary classes in reading and arithmetic did quite well.

Winter Term. Taught by Miss Emilie M. Colburne of New Boston. Miss Colburn is a teacher of experience and ability, and her method of instruction is practical. We found the order good at the beginning and close of this school, and we think the progress made was such as to satisfy all.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

First Term. Taught by Miss Alma Shattuck. Visited this school at the commencement; classes showed average attainments. Order not the best. Received no notice of the close of this term, hence cannot report progress.

Second Term. Same teacher. At the commencement of this term we found the order good, the scholars studious and in a fair way for a prosperous term. At the close we found that the order, to all appearances, had been kept up to the standard, and that a general improvement had been made. Miss S. proved herself an efficient teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

First Term. Taught by Miss Addie E. Woods. This was Miss W's first attempt at teaching. We think she was successful in keeping order. This school was small and backward. One small class in history pleased us much with its intelligence and interest in the subject. This term closed in a pouring rainstorm, and we were unable to attend.

Second Term. Taught by Miss Mary W. Cooledge. Miss C. is a beginner in the art of teaching, and her chief lack is in keeping

order, which is the first requisite of a schoolroom. We found here too many classes. Illness and the state of the weather prevented us from attending the close of this term.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Both terms were taught by Miss Lucy A. Dow. This was Miss Dow's first school, but she proved a very efficient teacher, and gave general satisfaction to the district. This school is small and backward, and evidently has had poor drilling heretofore. However the progress made in the brief time of this year was quite noticable.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Only one Term. Miss Mary E. Whitely teacher. This school was very small and consisted entirely of young scholars. About the usual progress was made.

The Union District with this town and Hillsboro' had but one term. Miss Addie Woods of Hillsboro' teacher. This school was under the supervision of the Committee from Hillsboro.

Respectfully submitted

CLARK B. COCHRANE.

*Superintending School Committee.*

# TABLE OF STATISTICS.

## SUMMER TERMS.

| Districts. | Length. | Scholars. | Average Attendance. | Tardiness. | Visits by S. S. C | Visits by P. C. | Visits by Citizens. | Cost for each Scholar. | Wages of Teacher per month. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1P. | 12 | 37 | 30 | 94 | 2 | 4 | 90 | $2 11 | $26 00 |
| 1G. | 10¾ | 30 | 25½ | 72 | 3 | 5 | 33 | 2 70 | 30 00 |
| 2 | 16 | 34 | 31 | 18 | 4 | 2 | 78 | 4 07 | 34 56 |
| 3 | 18 | 28 | 25 | 35 | 4 | 2 | 67 | 4 26 | 26 50 |
| 4 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 2 77 | 13 00 |
| 5 | 7 | 13 | 12 | 51 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 2 69 | 20 00 |
| 6 | 8 | 19 | 16 | 48 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 2 32 | 22 00 |
| 7 | 6 | 8 | 7⅔ | 29 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 75 | 20 00 |
| 8 | Union Dist no Register returned. | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 6 | 9 | 8⅓ | 19 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 3 33 | 20 00 |
| 10 | 7 | 7 | 3½ | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 5 00 | 20 00 |

## WINTER TERMS.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1P. | 12 | 39 | 34 | 75 | 2 | 2 | 25 | $2 46 | $32 00 |
| 1G. | 12 | 46 | 37 | 227 | 2 | 3 | 49 | 2 93 | 45 00 |
| 2 | 9 | 37 | 32½ | 20 | 2 | 1 | 38 | 2 43 | 40 00 |
| 3 | 9 | 24 | 21 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 3 00 | 32 00 |
| 4 | 11 | 19 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 59 | 5 66 | 35 00 |
| 5 | 9 | 16 | 17 | 64 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 3 79 | 32 00 |
| 6 | 8 | 23 | 19 | 77 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 1 91 | 22 00 |
| 7 | 7 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 2 91 | 20 00 |
| 9 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 50 | 20 00 |

# FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

# TOWN OF ANTRIM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

| | |
|---|---|
| The amount of taxes committed to Andrew D. White for collection, | $7288 57 |
| Interest on taxes, | 17 73 |
| | $7306 30 |
| Paid as follows: | |
| By Sundry receipts from Treasurer, | $7161 10 |
| " Non-resident highway tax worked out, | 34 93 |
| " Taxes remaining in Collector's hands, | 110 27 |
| | $7306 30 |

## RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

| | |
|---|---|
| From the Treasurer of 1874, | $2379 06 |
| Collector of 1875, | 7161 10 |
| Savings Bank tax, | 1398 68 |
| Railroad tax, | 4 96 |
| Literary fund, | 111 37 |
| Insurance tax, | 13 50 |
| Collector for 1874, | 38 11 |
| Interest on taxes of 1874, | 2 38 |
| From County, | 20 62 |
| | $11,129 78 |

Credit as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By | Interest paid on Town Bonds, | $ 976 88 |
| | Town orders paid, | 3862 74 |
| | Town Bonds " | 2700 00 |
| | State tax " | 1424 00 |
| | County tax " | 733 39 |
| | Remaining in Treasury, | 1432 77 |
| | | $11,129 78 |

## SCHOOL ORDERS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Morris Christie & J. T. Balch, | Dist. No. 1 | $390 83 |
| Samuel A. Holt, | " " 2 | 248 07 |
| Charles H. Griffin, | " " 3 | 165 76 |
| Granville M. Duncan, | " " 4 | 129 05 |
| William R. Carr, | " " 5 | 75 96 |
| James Wood, | " " 6 | 53 92 |
| Lawson C. White, | " " 7 | 71 79 |
| Benj. F. Dustin, | " " 9 | 43 46 |
| Joshua T. Stowell, | " " 10 | 38 56 |
| James A Tuttle, | " " 13 | 29 15 |
| Thomas Shea, | " " 14 | 10 03 |
| | | $1256 58 |

## POOR ORDERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Alfred H. Greeley, boarding paupers, | $301 50 |
| Lewis Simonds, boarding Jesse Combs, | 87 50 |
| County, boarding and clothing A. J. Curtis, | 182 50 |
| I. G. Anthoine, medical attendance for R. Atwood, | 9 00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, paid for N. B. Swett, | 5 00 |
| L. B. Curtis, sawing wood for Mrs. A. J. Curtis, | 10 50 |
| W. R. Carr, aid for Sarah Sawyer, | 10 41 |
| A. Fairfield, goods for " " | 7 36 |
| A. Fairfield, goods for Mrs. Curtis, | 28 37 |
| William Stacey, house rent and aid to Mrs. Curtis, | 18 45 |
| Grafton Curtis, aid to Mrs. Curtis and children, | 30 03 |
| C. B. Cochrane, goods for paupers, | 6 04 |
| Morris Christie, medical aid to Mrs. Curtis, | 7 75 |
| " " " " " Sarah Sawyer, | 2 50 |
| G. P. Little, goods for Mrs Curtis, | 5 95 |
| H. L. Lawrence, hard wood for Sarah Sawyer, | 5 00 |
| | $717 86 |

## BREAKING ROADS

322 59

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Daniel McIlvin, | $ 9 72 | Chandler Butterfield, | 14 43 |
| Nathan D. Curtis, | 7 65 | Joshua T. Stowell, | 42 54 |
| Henry D. Chapin, | 10 80 | Edward Z. Hastings | 15 45 |
| Josiah Loveren, | 9 15 | F. G. Smith, | 31 05 |
| Daniel McIlvin, | 13 71 | James Boyd, | 20 56 |
| Freeman Pelsy, | 21 72 | G. B. Woodbridge, | 29 54 |
| Robert B. Hopkins, | 32 40 | B. F. Dustin | 28 20 |
| William M. Conn, | 24 25 | James A. Tuttle, | 19 00 |
| James A. Tuttle, | 13 40 | James Wood, | 19 20 |
| George Turner, | 15 89 | Samuel Dinsmore, | 15 60 |
| Chas. A Whittemore, | 21 82 | Franklin Perry, | 14 92 |
| A. H. Greeley, | 31 26 | J. P. Arthur, | 2 70 |
| Charles Appleton, | 33 75 | Clark Hopkins, | 5 95 |
| G. G. Hutchinson, | 27 75 | George A. Cochran, | 8 90 |
| Noah C. Ferry, | 9 45 | Almus Rogers, | 3 15 |
| Frank J. Wilson, | 10 20 | Frank Robinson, | 6 60 |
| George Brown | 9 00 | Samuel M. Thompson, | 7 75 |
| Reed P. Saltmarsh, | 5 37 | Charles Appleton, | 4 27 |
| Hosea Dutton, | 15 30 | | |
| | $322 59 | | $612 40 |

## TOWN ORDERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| William M. Sargent, printing reports for 1874, | $16 00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, printing bills and expense to Manchester, | 6 50 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, blank books and stationary, | 9 00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, overtax in 1874, | 5 95 |
| Luke W. Hill, bolts for Cork bridge, 1874, | 6 50 |
| George E. Colby, bridge plank, | 22 00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, paid on case Parsons vs Antrim, | 95 00 |
| Alfred A. Miller, work on Forest road, | 26 00 |
| Henry D. Chapin, plank and stringers, | 2 55 |
| David P. Bryer, bridge plank, | 22 00 |
| Ed. J. Thompson, printing receipts and bills, | 1 80 |
| Josiah Loveren, bridge plank and work, | 26 06 |
| Josiah Loveren, lumber and labor on road in 1874, | 28 71 |
| Abbott F. True adm'r. services as S. S. Committee in 1874 | 70 00 |
| Granville M. Duncan, labor on Turnpike, | 26 00 |
| Fred L. Nay, four guide boards, | 6 00 |
| James Robb & Co., bridge plank, | 3 09 |
| T. S. Worthly, work on road and Powder, | 3 60 |

| | |
|---|---|
| William Stacey, sheep killed by dogs, | 8 00 |
| Luther M. Wilkins, repairing culvert, | 50 |
| B. F. McIlvin, work on Keene road, | 29 08 |
| James A. Tuttle, repairing culvert, | 7 30 |
| Alvin R. Barker, work on highway in Dist. No. 9 | 6 79 |
| William R. Carr, services as sexton, | 7 50 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, appraising real estate and recording same | 50 00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, expense while appraising real estate, | 7 00 |
| Miles B. Tuttle, appraising and recording real estate, | 50 00 |
| Alfred A. Miller, " " " " " | 50 00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, blank books and stationary, | 2 50 |
| James D. Mathews, plank and work on Forest road, | 8 00 |
| Oren K. Carr, labor on highway, | 17 03 |
| Joshua T. Stowell, labor on highway, | 3 00 |
| George G. Hutchinson, labor on highway, | 6 75 |
| H. A. Rogers, " " " | 9 64 |
| Hosea E. Dutton, " " " | 13 50 |
| G. M. Duncan, sheep killed by dogs in 1874, | 4 00 |
| James W. Perkins, bridge plank, | 1 32 |
| George E. Butterfield, repairing bridge, | 2 00 |
| George E. Butterfield, sheep killed by dogs, | 5 00 |
| Ira Holmes, " " " " | 4 00 |
| Ira Holmes, bridge plank, | 3 26 |
| Almus Fairfield, Book case, | 15 50 |
| Simon Story, sheep killed by dogs, | 4 00 |
| J. Dow Clement, labor on highway, | 3 60 |
| Isreal Wellman, sheep killed by dogs, | 2 00 |
| William Weston, labor on Forest road, | 4 00 |
| W. R. Cochrane, in part for compileing History of Antrim, | 50 00 |
| Almus Fairfield, services as Town Clerk, | 12 00 |
| Almus Fairfield, notifying Selectmen of jury meeting, | 3 00 |
| Almus Fairfield, notifying jurors, | 7 50 |
| Almus Fairfield, recording births and deaths, | 5 75 |
| Almus Fairfield, use of room, | 2 00 |
| G. G. Hutchinson, services as sexton, | 9 50 |
| G. G. Hutchinson, chopping ice, | 2 92 |
| M. & J. G. Wilkins, repairing road, | 2 80 |
| Almus Fairfield, Town Treasurer, | 40 00 |
| George F. Parmenter, services as Police, | 4 00 |
| C. B. Cochrane, services as S. S. Committee, | 60 00 |
| William Curtis, watering place, | 3 00 |
| T. S. Worthly, labor on road, | 1 25 |
| G. F. Parmenter, sheep killed by dogs, | 5 00 |
| Miles B. Tuttle, repairing bridge, | 3 30 |

| | |
|---|---|
| John Emery, watering place, | 2 00 |
| N. W. C. Jameson, use of room, | 2 00 |
| C. F. Holt and E. T. Adams, services as Constables, | 4 00 |
| Reed P. Saltmarsh, services as sexton, | 10 50 |
| Henry M. Barker, repairing bridge, | 2 00 |
| T. M. Paige, drawback on property burned, | 11 96 |
| J. T. Stowell, repairing roads, | 3 75 |
| Imla Wright, watering place, | 3 00 |
| Willie J. Newman, care of Town House and repairs, | 7 25 |
| Andrew D. White, services as Collector, | 35 00 |
| M. B. McIlvin, labor on highway, | 79 |
| John Pike, dead dog, | 1 00 |
| Hiram Dodge, " " | 1 00 |
| Freeman Pelsy, " " | 1 00 |
| Ed J. Thompson, printing, | 1 00 |
| A. A. Miller, exp. to Concord to attend Ass'rs Convention, | 3 66 |
| H. B. Hopkins, drawback on poll tax, | 1 66 |
| Frank Cooledge " " " " | 1 66 |
| Alfred A. Miller, services as Selectman, | 61 00 |
| Miles B. Tuttle, " " " | 59 00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, " " " | 83 75 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, " " Overseer of Poor, | 36 50 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, boarding Selectmen, | 10 00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, blank books, postage and check list, | 6 87 |
| Nathan C. Jameson, use of room, | 1 50 |
| A. B. Crombie, services as Auditor, | 5 00 |
| James W. Perkins, services as Auditor, | 5 00 |
| | $1275 90 |

## FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Whole amount of Bonds outstanding, | | $13800 00 |
| Other debts estimated at | | 35 00 |
| Whole amount of liabilities, | | $13835 00 |
| Remaining in the Treasury | $1432 77 | |
| Remaining in Collector's hands, | 110 27 | |
| Due from sale of Poor Farm, | 200 00 | |
| Due from County, | 10 50 | |
| Whole amount assets, | | $1753 54 |
| Whole amount of town debt, | | $12081 46 |

Debt diminished in 1875, $1851 81

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CROMBIE,
JAMES W. PERKINS, } *Auditors.*

REED P. WHITTEMORE,
ALFRED A. MILLER,
MILES B. TUTTLE, } *Selectmen of Antrim.*

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## REPORT

# OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

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Whole cost of poor, as per town orders, $717 86

Andrew J. Curtis is at the County farm at an expense of $3 50 per week. Mrs. Curtis and two children are receiving aid as will be seen by the report. There was twelve dollars reported due the town from Mrs. Barker's Guardian last year which proves to be an error.

One word about the new pauper law, it has necessarily increased the labor of the Overseer of the poor the past season, and has been the cause of removing very many unfortunate and aged people from their native towns and all that makes life dear, and placed them in a position which would be dreaded by almost everyone.

I think the law an outrage upon all the finer sensibilities of humanity and should be repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

REED P. WHITTEMORE, *Overseer.*

Little
158

Smith
167

Goodell
159
2

Jameson
166

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# SCHOOL REPORT.

| PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES. | | SCHOOL MONEY. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dist. No. 1, Morris Christie. James Balch. | 83 Scholars. | | $445.73 |
| " 2, Eben Bass. | 50 | " | 236.46 |
| " 3, Frank Swett. | 30 | " | 174.82 |
| " 4, Samuel Thompson. | 14 | " | 119.50 |
| " 5, Josiah Loveren. | 20 | " | 68.81 |
| " 6, Alvin Barker. | 19 | " | 50.44 |
| " 7, Fuller Gould. | 10 | " | 61.35 |
| " 8, Elbridge Tenney. | 3 | " | 40.80 |
| " 9, Chester Conn. | 9 | " | 38.34 |
| " 10, Lyman Lovewell. | 5 | " | 36.81 |
| " 11, No school. | | | 56.55 |
| " 13, Dow Clement. | 5 | " | 28.93 |
| | 248 | | $1,358.54 |

TEACHERS OF FIRST TERM.

No. 1, p. Mary F. Knowlton, Hancock.
1 g. Jennette Knowlton, "
2, Clara R. Heath, Dublin,
3, Anna E. Burnham, Nashua.
4, Jennie M. Ferry, Antrim.
5, Nellie M. Jackson, "
6, Sarah M. Holman, "
7, Mary E. Whittemore, Hillsborough.
8, L. Fannie Dodge, Antrim.
9, Lucy Ann Dow, Stoddard.
10, Sarah L. Lovewell, Antrim.
13, Laura A. Gilmore. Hillsborough.

TEACHERS OF SECOND TERM.

No. 1, p, Mary F. Knowlton, Hancock.
1, g, Jennette S. Knowlton, "

No. 2, Clara R. Heath, Dublin.
3. Nettie Peabody, Henniker.
4, Addie Gould, Antrim,
5, Maria A. Dodge, Bennington,
6, Nellie M. Whiteley, Antrim,
9, Ida L. McIlvaine, Antrim,

TEACHERS OF THIRD TERM.

No. 1, p, Mary F. Knowlton, Hancock.
1, g, Jennett Knowlton, "
2, Evelyn Savage, Francestown,
3, Nettie Peabody, Henniker,

In the progressive age in this fast country, this fact that virtue and intelligence among the people are indispensable to the good of free institutions, ought and must be indelibly impressed upon all hearts as the great principle that underlies our liberty and equality.

The pulpit, the press and the school are the chief agencies for diffusing knowledge and promoting virtue in the community. If the pulpit is faithful to its high mission, if the press has the good of society at heart, if the school is cherished as the "apple of the eye" by the whole people, we may be well assured that this "threefold cord" will draw out the permanent wellbeing of all.

As occupying a meagre place in one of these great departments we invite your attention to the common schools of Antrim, as exhibited in the past year. We credit them with more earnest and active interests than is usually manifested in their behalf by the people of the several districts. There can be no doubt that a wise and careful oversight of the schools by the people, would result in their improvement. Let their interest be shown by more frequent visits that they may see with their own eyes the difficulties and embarassments of a teacher's position, that they hear with their own ears both sides of unfavorable reports, and be able to judge for themselves what may transpire in the school room. A friendly sympathy and a ready co-operation with the best teachers will add much to their efficiency, and render the

schools more profitable to those under their care, while to the inexperienced it will warrant a fair degree of success. When we take into consideration the qualifications requisite to a teacher's success, we shall cease to wonder that so few become permanent as such, and shall see the propriety of giving all the aid in our power, for not only must the successful teacher have the necessary literary qualifications, but must be apt to teach, love their work, be fond of children, and last but not least, be able to apply "Heaven's first law" to the minds and hearts that surround them. In view of these things, if there is no friendly hand to greet them and no voice of sympathy to salute them, it is no wonder that so many of our teachers shrink from the task before them, and exclaim, "who is sufficient for these things." We have been led to these remarks from the fact that so few heed these things as being of much importance.

The qualification of teachers' ability to teach correctly, reading, writing, spelling, English grammar, arithmetic and the elements of geography and history are so rare, that committees every where have been compelled to shun the letter of the law and give certificates to the unqualified, or in other words to those qualified "as well as the average." Superficial examinations and the granting of certificates on account of the general reputation of the teacher, or because it is unpleasant to do otherwise, are demoralizing practices.

Fortunately our schools for the most part of the past year have been under the charge of those who were well qualified to instruct, explain and demonstrate whatever of science it was deemed wise to pursue; however in regard to accuracy, some surpassed others. By the untiring efforts and abilities manifested by the present corps of teachers, our schools have been raised to a fair degree of excellence. Not that their characteristics were uniform, but in each some points of excellence were brought out more or less prominently, and the general result was a good degree of improvement.

The responsible office of prudential committee was held the past year, and its duties quite acceptably performed in the several districts. In Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9, no visits were made

the first terms, and none in Nos. 5 and 9 the second term. There are some who seem to have no care as to whether their teachers are earning their money or not, no stirring up of teacher and scholars to duty, no earnest effort to make their schools alive. Earlier notice of the commencement and close of schools should be given to the S. S. Committee. A week's notice at least, should always be given, and *agents* not teachers, should attend to this matter. Some school-houses are lacking the one thing needful—a hitching post. It is sometimes inconvenient tying to a door handle or stone wall.

As before intimated, the schools have been well governed, skillfully and systematically taught, and as a whole, have possessed the elements of first class schools. So far as we have been informed, *whisperiug* has not prevailed to any great extent. In District No. 1 a marked improvement in this respect was apparently the result of ardent efforts on the part of the teacher. This movement is honorable and worthy of all praise. No excellent degree of order can be had in connection with whispering. The number of tardy marks in the summer schools was 469, 248 of which were in No. 1. In the fall and winter schools there were 630,—387 of which must be placed to the credit of No. 1. These statistics will be more fully given in the tables at the end of this report.

Reading.—There are some of our large scholars who do not read with sufficient fluency. But few teachers give to this their careful attention which its importance demands. The most prominent faults in reading are too low a tone of voice, too great rapidity of utterance and indistinctness of expression. With a thorough acquaintance of the elementary sounds, the organs of speech may be so trained as to give with facility the most difficult sounds possessing this acquirement, and a distinct utterance will naturally follow, giving a pleasing effect to the hearer. However in some of our schools we have witnessed with pleasure many instances of very good reading. We desire that these instances may be multiplied till *all* can enter into the spirit of the author, and impress his sentiment upon the minds of their hearers. The change of readers for the Franklin series we think has afforded a new impetus to our reading, and it is desirable that all make

the change at once that we may have a uniform class of readers in our schools.

Spelling and Defining.—Too much importance cannot be attached to the art of spelling, nor its irregularities and peculiarities too much noted. There is a tendency in our schools to outgrow the spelling book and underrate its importance to a finished education. Accuracy in the knowledge of the meaning of words is requisite to good reading as well as good writing; and to this end we hope that Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary will soon find its way into all our schools, and demand the attention of all the larger pupils till the definition of every word in common use can be readily given.

Grammar.—Etymology of the English language is sometimes irregular, and it demands careful study to acquire a good knowledge of it. In this branch many of our teachers are very backward. We often find those who can easily analyze a *sentence*, who cannot analyze a part of speech, especially a verb. A thorough teacher will give special attention to the one and not leave the other undone. The elementary principles of every branch ought to be thoroughly instilled into the minds of every student, and grammar is no exception.

Arithmetic.—Mathematical studies occupy a prominent place in our schools. Common arithmetic is used in a large proportion of every school. We should be glad to see Colburn's Intellectual Arithmetic again introduced into our schools. The simple reasoning of this book, if thoroughly mastered, will aid in every stage of a mathematical course, and there is no danger of too much attention paid to it.

Penmanship and Composition.—In every school some attention was paid to writing: "Penmanship is queen of the arts." Every boy and girl ought to learn to write from the fact that it is becoming more generally recognized as forming an important part in the life of every man. The books exhibited were mostly neat, and displayed a fair degree of improvement. In the summer schools 23 attended to composition, and in those of the winter 29.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

### Primary department.

The three terms were taught by the same teacher. This school has enjoyed great advantages during the year, having been under the charge of one well qualified to teach, and who devoted herself to the task from pleasure and duty. We should say no year for a long time has shown such marked improvement in so many respects. Her government was mild, but effectual. Parents in the district have manifested more than usual interest and stayed up the hands of the teacher in the discipline and advancement of the school, and they have their reward, a continual cooperation will show still greater results. No school displayed so much system, order and regularity as this.

### Grammar department.

Same teacher throughout the year. She was of rare tact and ability. Her manner of instruction was interesting and thorough, and the school acquired from her an inpetus that made it attractive. Some of the best scholars in town are found in this school. The general progress was very encouraging. Good order in general was sustained throughout the year. At times she was apprehensive that some unruly boys would give her trouble. If correctly informed, she did not yield to any material points, in favor of disorder. We hope the services of the same teacher may be procured another year. This school takes the first premium in tardy marks.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

The first two terms, were taught by the same teacher. A more wide awake, live earnest worker, could not have been had. During the first term much satisfaction was expressed by the parents. Thirty visitors were present at the closing examination. The progress was reasonable. During the second term, some of the older boys, despite the teacher's efforts for their good, became disorderly, and shamefully disregarded her voice. To such boys we would recomend a reform school. Had the teacher received from the parents that sympathy and hearty cooperation, much more of creit would have reflected upon both. From the teacher's record, it appears that

only three parents of scholars actually attending school, had visited the school previous to the closing examination

The third term was under the instruction of one of Francestown Academy's best scholars. Her system of instruction was broad, practical and encouraging. A teacher of rare decision and purpose, one calculated to incite into her pupils, worthy aspirations and noble incentives. The order at the closing examination was complete.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

First term. A faithful, earnest and industrious teacher, but failed to gain the sympathy and cooperation of her pupils and their parents. The order was good. Fair progress was made. The closing examination one of the best.

The second and third termes, were taught by one who understood her business, consequently a good school, one of the best. Where parents, teacher and schools, all work togather in harmony, the best results are sure to follow. To bring and and keep all thus in harmony, is an accomplishment that but few possess. The school was characterized with a fair degree of activity, earnestness, thoroughness and good order. Could not the furthur services of the same teacher be had another year?

DISTRICT NO. 4.

First term. A very good school. There appeared to be sympathy and good feeling between teacher and scholars, and everything passed off smoothly. A little more life and animation, would have benefited the school.

Second term. The school was small but the children made progress under the efforts of a kind teacher. The closing examination was replete with success. Fifteen visitors were present.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The teacher was well adapted to her position. Her natural and acquired talents combine to render her an earnest and efficient laborer in this capacity. She manifested much interest in the intellectual progress of her pupils, and well sustained her former reputation as an instructor. We fear however that some of the scholars did not fully appreciate her untiring

efforts. We hope her services as a teacher will still be procured in town.

The second term was under the charge of a faithful and energetic teacher, and gained the cooperation and sympathy of her pupils and their parents. This is rather a backward school, lacking the fire, life and animation characteristic of a good school. The progress was fair.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

First term. A teacher of hardly the stamina for a school like this. She seemed to be dilligent, but more strength and force are necessary to secure good results. Altogether too many questions went unanswered. There are some good scholars here.

Second term. This was the teacher's first term. She was conscientious, active, effective, perhaps a little too abrupt in manner, but still one of the best we had. Most of the scholars learned well, if any did not, it could not have been the fault of the teacher. All deserve commendation for good deportment. The neatest looking register of all.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

One term during the year. It enjoyed the services of one who was active, intelligent, energetic and knew how to make her work tell. The district seemed to be well satisfied with her efforts, the committee certainly was. The closing examination was very commendable, giving a fine exhibition in most of the branches taught.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The smallest school in town. This was the teacher's first attempt. Had she more knowledge, and the ability to exercise it, much better progress would have been made. In justice to the teacher we would advise that she follow a course of education from six to ten years before making another attempt, and be able to discriminate with accuracy the location of the Amazon river, and the city of London.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

We found this school the most inanimate of all, but with the earnest efforts of the teacher it was partially brought to life. No school can succeed well without a proper supply of

text books. The examination showed fair progress. The teacher of the second term tried to be useful to her pupils, but failed on their part to secure the energy and industry which was necessary to success. The order was very commendable.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

This school is rather backward, but by the strenuous efforts of a faithful teacher, more than average progress was made. There were no instances of tardiness.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

This was one of the pleasantest little schools in town. Teacher and scholars all strove together to make it a good one. The closing examination showed fair progress. The order was peculiarly good.

## CONCLUSION.

The value of our schools is not to be estimated by the relative amount of facts in science that they have acquired, but as well by the amount of mental and moral training they have received. What is the life of one worth, whose good is only sufficient to counterbalance the evil, and leave the ultimate influence a mere cipher? To educate the intellect alone is far from being what we think a complete education should be. Moral culture and mental training ought to go hand in hand. As the *home* is the fountain from which the element should be drawn, so may our teachers see to it that its gentle stream is not tarnished in its passage through the school. Let the language and associations of the school room reach upon the unsullied home. Never let the tongue pollute the pure atmosphere we breathe. Let parents, teachers and scholars vie with each other in attaining unto the highest excellence. We think however, that the efforts of our teachers have been calculated to elevate and refine the character of the young. But if there have been counteracting influences let us as an enlightened people seek to eradicate them.

We believe our schools are objects of interest of the highest moment. Although there are defects in them, we ought not to be discouraged, but to reach forth our hands, ever mindful

of our duty, grasping at every straw until we have reached the height of excellence.

In closing this report, we take the opportunity to express our thanks to *all* for their hearty cooperation with our labors in this capacity, seeking the blessing of Him who overrules all things, to crown our humble endeavors with abundant success.

Respectfully submitted,
ABBOTT F. TRUE, S. S. Committee.

Antrim, N. H. Feb. 20, 1877.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

# TOWN OF ANTRIM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1877.

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| The amount of taxes committed to J. E. & J. F. Tenney, for collection, | $8,331.25 |
| Interest on the same, | 9.99 |
| Dog tax, | 71.00 |
| | $8,412.24 |

CREDIT.

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| By sundry receipts from the treasurer, | 7,049.99 |
| " taxes remaining in collectors' hands, | 1,362.25 |
| | 8,412.24 |

RECEIPTS INTO TREASURY.

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|---|---|
| Cash received from treasurer, 1875, | 1,432.77 |
| collector of 1876, | 7,049.99 |
| savings bank tax, | 1,379.52 |
| railroad tax, | 3.93 |
| literary fund, | 104.85 |
| insurance tax, | 13.50 |
| interest on taxes of 1876, | 9.99 |
| collector of 1873-4, | 4.59 |
| county aid to Mrs. S. Sawyer, | 10.41 |
| selectmen for shingles sold, | 20.00 |
| collector of 1875, | 52.87 |
| on note of H. D. Chapin, | 150.00 |
| | $10,232.42 |

Credit as follows :

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| By town bond coupons paid, | $828.00 |
| town orders " | 4,495.64 |
| state tax, " | 1,424.00 |
| county tax " | 807.06 |
| non-resident highway tax worked out, | 37.48 |
| Remaining in the treasury, | 2,640.24 |
| | $10,232.42 |

## POOR ORDERS.

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|---|---|
| Paid county of Hillsborough for board and clothing A. J. Curtis, | $183.00 |
| I. G. Anthoine, medical services for A. J. Curtis' family, | 23.75 |
| Grafton Curtis, board and clothing A. J. Curtis' family, | 78.76 |
| George P. Little, goods for Mrs. Curtis' family, | 4.34 |
| Morris Christie, medical services for Mrs. Curtis' family, | 12.00 |
| William Stacy, storing goods for Mrs. Curtis' family, | 4.00 |
| Almus Fairfield, school books for Mrs. Curtis' family, | .50 |
| Grafton Curtis, board and goods for Mrs. Curtis' family, | 37.25 |
| Miles B. Tuttle, overseer of poor, | 23.50 |
| | $367.10 |

## SCHOOL ORDERS.

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|---|---|---|
| Morris Christie & J. T. Balch, | Dist. No. 1, | $445.73 |
| Eben Bass, | " " 2, | 236.46 |
| Frank Swett, | " " 3, | 174.82 |
| Samuel M. Thompson, | " " 4, | 119.50 |
| Josiah Loveren, | " " 5, | 68.81 |
| Alvin R. Barker, | " " 6, | 50.44 |
| Elijah F. Gould, | " " 7, | 61.35 |
| James E. Tenney, | " " 8, | 40.80 |
| Chester A. Conn, | " " 9, | 38.34 |
| Lyman T. Lovewell, | " " 10, | 36.81 |
| J. Dow Clement, | " " 13, | 28.93 |
| | | $1,301,99 |

## BREAKING ROADS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Daniel McIlvin, | $10.95 | Luther Campbell, | 22.65 |
| Everet N. Gilbert, | 35.50 | Daniel Simonds, | 29.12 |
| Henry D. Chapin, | 3.05 | Daniel Swett, | 4.10 |
| J. Dow Clement, | 37.88 | Frank Robinson, | 12.90 |
| Lawson A. White, | 1.95 | William Stacy, | 30.65 |
| Samuel A. Holt, | 11.85 | Isaac M. Tuttle, | 33.13 |
| Rodney Smith, | 6.60 | Henry M. Barker, | 48.93 |
| Oren K. Carr, | 21.22 | Henry S. Lawrence, | 39.18 |
| George F. McIlvin, | 14.40 | Eben Bass, | 30.86 |
| G. G. Hutchinson. | 7.00 | Clark Hopkins, | 3.45 |
| Leonard B. Curtis, | 10.60 | Hugh A. Rogers, | 21.15 |
| R. B. Hopkins, | 23.90 | John E. Duncan, | 30.43 |
| Alvin R. Barker, | 10.12 | Elijah Kimball, | 8.33 |
| Hiram J. Coombs, | 7.57 | Isaac Fletcher, | 75.25 |
| Joshua T. Stowell, | 33.89 | Elijah F. Gould, | 31.27 |
| Ira Holmes, | 12.20 | Charles F. Whitney, | 31.64 |
| Caleb W. Roach, | 8.25 | Thomas S. Worthly, | 2.62 |
| W. W. Story, | 25.42 | Saml. M. Thompson, | 61.57 |
| L. G. Bass, | 3.25 | Alfred H. Greeley, | 40.60 |
| James E. Tenney, | 57.45 | Andrew D. White, | 28.37 |
| Frank J. Wilson, | 4.35 | George Turner, | 29.56 |
| James W. Perkins, | 5.55 | Rodney Sawyer, | 24.40 |
| George Brown, | 22.50 | James Wood, | 10.65 |
| G. M. Duncan, | 3.60 | Luther S. Curtis, | 34.42 |
| B. F. McIlvin, | 87.15 | | |
| William Curtis, | 24.50 | | $1,176.03 |

## TOWN ORDERS.

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|---|---|
| A. A. Miller, lumber and work on Thompson bridge, | $39.67 |
| A. A. Miller, for blank books, | 7.86 |
| Ed J. Thompson, printing, | 3.25 |
| Ed J. Thompson, printing reports in 1875, | 22.50 |
| Ed J. Thompson, blank books, and blanks, | 4.00 |
| M. B. Tuttle, making Ag'l. report and stationery, | 6.70 |
| A. A. Miller, " " " " " | 5.00 |
| R. P. Whittemore, " " " " | 6.00 |
| R. P. Whittemore, copying inventory and taxes for printer, | 6.00 |
| R. P. Whittemore, copying invoice, and taxes, for 1875-6, for State, | 6.00 |
| Josiah Loveren, lumber for bridges, | 50.08 |
| Ed J. Thompson, printing inventory, and taxes, | 30.00 |

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| Almus Fairfield, copying, and arranging births and deaths, | 30.00 |
| Miles B. Tuttle, spikes, and use of scraper, | 5.00 |
| Everet N. Gilbert, labor on highway, Dist. No. 20, | 11.85 |
| David P. Bryer, plank and iron for bridge, | 23.00 |
| Miles B. Tuttle, work on bridge, and boarding help, | 25.70 |
| Josiah Loveren, lumber for bridges and labor, | 129.00 |
| L. A. White, work on bridges, | 4.50 |
| Rodney Smith, work on bridge on Keene road, | 12.75 |
| C. A. Whittemore, work on bridge on Keene road, | 16.75 |
| W. R. Cochrane, part, for writting history of Antrim, | 50.00 |
| R. P. Whittemore, work on town house, and money paid, | 15.00 |
| Miles B. Tuttle, money paid for work on forrest road, | 7.71 |
| A. D. White, labor on bridges and town house, | 30.00 |
| Miles B. Tuttle, repairing forrest road, | 45.00 |
| Samuel A. Holt, dead dog, | 1.00 |
| George P. Little, nails and work on bridge, | 2.37 |
| Wm. M. Conn, services as constable, | 1.00 |
| Henry M. Barker, labor on road in Dist. No. 9, | 18.80 |
| Ira Holmes, plank, | 6.89 |
| Luther Campbell, work on road in Dist. No. 12, | 9.50 |
| William R. Carr, labor on highway, | 1.80 |
| William R. Carr, services as sexton, | 14.00 |
| Edmund Sawyer, labor on highway, | 1.40 |
| H. S. Lawrence, lumber, labor on highway, Dist. No. 19, | 17.81 |
| Elijah F. Gould, lumber, labor on highway, Dist. No. 5, | 1.95 |
| A. A. Miller, bridge stringers and labor on highway, | 3.00 |
| George Turner, labor on bridge in Dist. No. 6, | 10.37 |
| George A. Cochran, labor on Thompson bridge. | 2.00 |
| James E. Tenney, labor on highway in Dist. No. 17, | 37.48 |
| L. G. Bass, watering trough, | 2.00 |
| S. M. Thompson, labor on highway in Dist. No. 4, | 5.00 |
| Hiram Eaton, bridge plank, | 8.98 |
| John E. Duncan, repairing road in Dist. No. 25, | 2.00 |
| G. M. Duncan, repairing road in Dist. No. 25, | 3.25 |
| N. W. C. Jameson, sheep killed by dogs, | 3.00 |
| Charles F. Holt, services as constable, | 4.00 |

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| Hugh A. Rogers, work on highway, | 9.36 |
| Thomas Shea, sheep killed by dogs, | 5.00 |
| Catharine Worthley, over tax, | 10.00 |
| B. F. McIlvin, work on highway in Dist. No. 22, | 15.75 |
| Luther S. Curtis, work on highway in Dist. No. 26, | 25.25 |
| Daniel Simonds, lumber and work on Loveren bridge, | 14.42 |
| D. J. Parkhurst & son, 22 M. shingles and lumber, | 66.75 |
| John Emery, watering trough, | 3.00 |
| Almus Fairfield, services as town clerk, | 12.00 |
| Almus Fairfield, notifying selectmen and jurymen, | 6.50 |
| B. K. Webber, | 10.00 |
| Chas F. Whitney, day's work on town house, | 1.50 |
| Almus Fairfield, recording and returning births and deaths, | 8.00 |
| blank book for town, | 1.75 |
| use of room, | 2.00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, boarding selectmen, | 10.00 |
| feeding and lodging tramps, | 3.00 |
| A. A. Miller, " " " | 6.00 |
| Miles B. Tuttle, " " " | 4.00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, expenses to Concord and Manchester, | 10.60 |
| Everett N. Gilbert, work on highway, | 3.52 |
| Sarah Cutler, over tax, | 6.65 |
| David Stacy, work on town house, | 1.50 |
| L. M. Wilkins, work in Dist. No. 20, | 3.42 |
| James Wood, 2 sheep killed by dogs, | 6.00 |
| Freeman Pelsy, right-of-way through field, | 1.50 |
| Moody B. McIlvin, services as constable, | 4.00 |
| William Curtis, work on bridge and water trough, | 7.50 |
| William Stacy, railing for bridge, | 2.50 |
| Luman Swett, work on town house, | 1.50 |
| D. P. Bryer, making irons for bridge railing, | 1.95 |
| John Emery, cutting bushes on highway, | 2.25 |
| Luman Swett, labor and boards on B. bridge, | 4.50 |
| Isaac M. Tuttle, work on Gates bridge, | 4.50 |
| Isaac M. Tuttle, one day on G. Brown's road, | 2.00 |
| Will J. Newman, care of town house and tolling bell, | 6.00 |

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| J. B. Woodbury, nails &c., for bridge and town house, | 13.64 |
| A. A. Miller, printing and express on same, | 5.25 |
| C. B. Cochrane, services as S. S. committee in Dist. No. 7, | 1.25 |
| C. B. Cochrane, drawback on dog, | 1.00 |
| William N. Tuttle, services as committee on George Brown road, | 2.00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, service as committee on George Brown road, | 2.00 |
| Lawson A. White,one day's work on town house, | 1.50 |
| Henry A. Rogers, work on town house, | 1.25 |
| John Hudson, timber for bridge, | 3.20 |
| A. F. True, services as S. S. Committee, | 50.00 |
| Isaac M. Tuttle, work on highway, | 5.49 |
| Josiah Loveren, plank and boards, | 26.50 |
| A. A. Miller, plank for bridge, | 25.56 |
| Alvin R. Barker, 2 days work on town house, | 3.00 |
| S. G. Wallace, right-of-way through field in 1875–6, | 6.00 |
| Reed P. Saltmarsh, services as sexton, | 6.50 |
| Chas. F. Holt, services as constable, F. E., | 2.00 |
| S. M. Thompson, " " " | 2.00 |
| George F. Butterfield, sheep killed by dogs, | 3.00 |
| C. D. Sawyer, work on town house, | 8.75 |
| D. H. Goodell, 268 feet of timber, | 2.14 |
| John Johnson, damage on highway, | 30.00 |
| Scott H. Preston, drawback on dog, | 1.00 |
| William Clark, overtax on pasture, | 5.00 |
| James Robb, cutting out forest road, | 2.40 |
| Sarah Perry, watering trough, | 3.00 |
| J. E. & J. F. Tenney, collecting taxes, | 36.00 |
| Edward Bailey, breaking horses leg on highway, | 35.00 |
| J. W. Perkins services as auditor, | 5.00 |
| Almus Fairfield, " " | 5.00 |
| Miles B. Tuttle, " selectman, | 81.00 |
| George P. Little, " treasurer, | 40.00 |
| Reed P. Whittemore, selectmen, | 111.00 |
| A. A. Miler, " " | 85.00 |
| N. C. Jameson, use of room, | 1.00 |

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| Chas. H. Carter, | " | 3.00 |
| | | $1,650.25 |

## FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

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| Whole amount of bonds outstanding, | | $13,800.00 |
| other debts estimated at, | | 25.00 |
| Total, | | $13,825.00 |
| Remaining in the treasury, | $2,640.24 | |
| Remaining in collectors' hands, | 1,362.25 | |
| Due from sale of poor farm, | 60.00 | |
| Total, | | $4,062.49 |
| Amount of town debt, | | $9,762.51 |
| Amount of town debt Mar. 1st, 1876, | $12,081.46 | |
| Amount of town debt Mar. 1st, 1877, | 9,762.51 | |
| Amount less than last year by, | $2,318.95 | |

Respectfully submitted,

ALMUS FAIRFIELD,
JAMES W. PERKINS, } *Auditors.*

REED P. WHITTEMORE,
ALFRED A. MILLER,
MILES B. TUTTLE, } *Selectmen of Antrim.*

# REPORT of the OVERSEER of POOR.

Whole cost of poor, as per town orders, $367.10

Andrew J. Curtis is still at the County farm at an expense of $3.50 per week.

Mrs. Curtis and two children, are receiving aid, as will be seen by the report.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES B. TUTTLE, *Overseer of poor.*

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# SCHOOL REPORT.

| PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES. | | SCHOOL MONEY. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dist. No. 1, David H. Goodell, John Butterfield. | 68 Scholars, | | $447.76 |
| " " 2, Henry D. Chapin. | 30 | " | 220.70 |
| " " 3, Moody McIlvin. | 28 | " | 169.78 |
| " " 4, Charles Appleton. | 6 | " | 125.25 |
| " " 5, Ira Holmes. | 15 | " | 68.93 |
| " " 6, James Wood. | 20 | " | 48.78 |
| " " 7, Reed P. Whittemore. | 11 | " | 64.61 |
| " " 8, Hosea Dutton. | 8 | " | 51.78 |
| " " 9, Ipps Wyman. | 10 | " | 40.19 |
| " " 10, Joshua Stowell. | 5 | " | 41.73 |
| " " 11, No school. | | | 46.33 |
| " " 13, J. D. Clement. | 6 | " | 34.27 |
| | 207 | | $1,369.11 |

TEACHERS OF FIRST TERM.

No. 1, p. Maria A. Dodge, Bennington.
1, g. Jenny M. Nesmith, Hancock.
2, Addie E. Gould, Antrim.
3, Nettie M. Peabody, Henniker.
4, Leona Chaney, Bennington.
5, Sarah M. Holmes, Antrim.
6, Nellie M. Whitely, Antrim.
7, Addie E. Woods, Hillsborough.
8, Sarah A. Dutton, Greenfield.
9, E. Lettie Hale, Hillsborough.
10, Sarah L. Lovewell, Antrim.
13, Mary L. Russell, Windsor.

TEACHERS OF SECOND TERM.

No. 1, p. Maria A. Dodge, Bennington.
1, g. Jenny M. Nesmith, Hancock.
2, Ella C. Ware, Hancock.
3, Nellie S. McAlpine, Henniker.
4, Charles H. Chapin, Antrim.
5, Laura A. Gilmore, Hillsborough.
6, John D. Hutchinson, Antrim.
7, Mary A. Crosby, Deering.
8, Sarah A. Dutton, Greenfield.
9, Clara P. Hackett, Hillsborough.

TEACHERS OF THIRD TERM.

No. 1, p. Maria A. Dodge, Bennington.
1, g. Jenny M. Nesmith, Hancock.
2, Henry D. Chapin, Antrim.
3, Nellie S. McAlpine, Henniker.

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In a free republic, enlightened public opinion can never be indifferent to the welfare of its common schools. It is as it were the breath of life to it. The education of the whole people is the condition upon which our freedom is based. Let this vital element be wanting, no free institution could long exist. Virtue and intelligence are the vital principles that underlie our liberty and equality. Ignorance is a sandy foundation upon which to erect the temple of Liberty. There is no truth of history more firmly established than this, and our own country will furnish a strong illustration.

For the past the history of the schools of this town is interesting and instructive. The foresighted munificence, the untiring devotion and administrative ability of its former patrons have turned the current of public opinion into this channel, and raised our schools from their low estate to a high degree of excellence. The impetus thus received by our schools we venture to say is not yet spent. Their progress, though less rapid, is still perceptible, and those of the past year form no exception to this remark, as a whole they equal if they do not excel those of former years. The winter schools especially, without hardly an exception, made very

commendable progress ; not that their characteristics were uniform, but in each one some points of excellence were brought out more or less prominently and the general result was a good degree of improvement. We bespeak for them a more earnest and active interest, a more enlightened enthusiasm in their behalf by the people of the several districts. Their can be no doubt that a wise and careful oversight of the schools would result in their improvement. A friendly sympathy and a hearty co-operation with the best teachers will add much to their efficiency, and render the schools of more profit to those under their charge, while to those who are more or less deficient in qualification for the place they occupy they are indispensable to a tolerable degree of success. With the plan thus carried out we believe that the pupils would be stimulated to greater interest and exertion. In connection with this we would earnestly beseech that teachers should become better acquainted with the parents as well as the committee. This can be accomplished by visiting their pupils at home, and in order to render the embarrassment of going from house to house to seek an acquaintance less irksome, parents would do well to invite the instructors of their children to make friendly calls, to dine or sup with them and bestow upon them such attention as circumstances will allow. In return they will be abundantly compensated, and its good effects will be seen not only in the school-room but in the streets and at their homes.

Probably it is not known to many parents the amount of abuses to which their indulgence is liable in granting certificates of excuse for tardiness, absence and dismission. The child makes application for an excuse thinking he may possibly be late at school in the morning. It is granted and will answer for any part of the session or of the whole day. He plays by the way for an hour and then comes rushing into the school-room with a line from the parent "please excuse the bearer for being late." The difficulty can be obviated, and it must or the school will suffer and a portion of the school appropriation be lost. Why are so many excused from enjoying the privileges so liberally offered them by the town? Cannot parents afford to spare their children six hours in a day to fit themselves for the great duties of life, and

make them intelligent, respected and happy? Are not regularity, punctuality and constancy important elements to enter into the education of children, whose success in life depends vastly upon these very qualities? Punctuality, order and system in every thing should be considered as an invaluable part of common school education.

We wish to add a word in behalf of the primary schools of our town as to the true importance of the infant department of instruction. We fear it is often imperfectly understood. As indeed small children possess but little knowledge, many act upon the assumption that any young lady of limited attainments is capable of taking charge of them. This impression is an inducement for many to make application for such schools, who are qualified neither by nature or education to occupy such a position.

The child, at first helpless and void of knowledge, receives the tenderest care and kindest attention from a fond and devoted mother. Upon her knee it receives its first impressions and the first rudiments of knowledge. In a few years, and we are sorry to say, often too soon it passes from the maternal lesson with perfect confidence in the mother, into the school-room to place equal confidence in its teacher. It is then within the teacher's power to take it and mould it as she pleases. That teacher may possess a knowledge of books and yet have but little acquaintance with human nature, or of the laws of nature, and the principles necessary to the proper developement of the infant mind. It is here that the child needs not so much of book knowledge, as a proper guidance, a motherly care and a tender symathy, full with the quick beatings of a mother's heart. We ask, then, is every one who knows more than the child suitable to become its instructor, with the plea that in after years it shall have better instructors, suited to its growing capacities. It is better to begin right and keep right, than to run the risk of becoming right after a wrong beginning. It may not be necessary that a teacher of Primary schools should possess a great knowledge of books, but it should be of the right kind; should understand the Philosophy of the human mind, should have experienced observation and extensive reading so as to be able to draw lessons from the great book of nature. Thor-

oughly educated teachers should be procured that the future advancement of the young may be laid upon a broader and firmer foundation. We have not intended to cast any disparagement upon the qualification of our present or former good teachers, but let these words of advise answer for any meridian.

Committees and parents, if they are what they should be, labor for the best welfare of their children, but despite their efforts difficulties will sometimes arise, and often too from a misunderstanding between parents and teachers. Children, even the best of them, will look out to give coloring enough to a story to cover their own faults, thus giving an unfair impression upon their parents. When we are disposed to complain of teachers who are striving for the good of the rising generations, let us remember that our patience would be almost spent with one twentieth or thirtieth of the number we expect the teacher to govern, interest and instruct. There is force in the remark of a teacher, who, when asked if he did not find it hard to manage one huudred scholars, replied: "Not so hard to manage *the* one hundred pupils as the two hundred parents."

During the year we have effected one change in text books. In the place of Green's Grammar we have substituted the Quackenbos Grammar—Common School and First Lessons. This is, we think, a movement in the right direction. In this branch particularly, I am sorry to say our teachers are sadly deficient. We would urge that this matter be given more special attention. More than ordinary attention has been bestowed upon the art of spelling and defining, and verily they have their reward. In the main the schools have been well governed, skilfully and systematicaly taught, and have passed the elements of first class schools. The responsible office of Prudential Committee was held the past year, and the duties very acceptably performed in the several districts. In No.'s 3, 5 and 8 no visits were made by them during the year, and in No.'s 6 and 7 once each in the second term. It is of the utmost importance that special attention be given to this matter.

There has been a marked improvement in the matter of dilatoriness this year. The number of tardy marks in the summer schools

are 215. In the fall and winter schools 513. In district No. 1, this year, 147. Last year, 635.

The teachers, as a whole, passed very satisfactory examination and all received the approbation of the committee. Out of the 19 different teachers but 11 of them applied for certificates before the commencement of their schools. Probably the formidableness of the committee, or the huge temerity of the teachers accounts for it. In the future we would advise that those seeking employment as teachers should at least give us a call first, lest we should forfeit our good will, and the lenity heretofore lavished should be forever checked.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The three terms were taught by the same teacher. The school has sustained its former excellent reputation under the guidance of a skilful teacher. With a large school of small scholars the discipline was good and fair progress was made.

### GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Same teacher through the year. No school in town had better advantages than this for thouroughness of instruction. The teacher had earned a valuable reputation by her previous services in the same school. This has been fully sustained, and her devotion to her calling, and her success in it has seemingly increased. The order of the school was excellent. The improvement in Reading, and English Grammar, was above the average. For advancement in intellectual and written arithmetic the school holds a high position. Orthography received more than ordinary attention. We hope the services of the same teacher may be had another year.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

First term. A faithful, earnest and industrious teacher, but failed to gain the sympathy and co-operation of her pupils and their parents. She had the "bump of order" so well developed that she was able to accomplish as good a work as could be expected with so many scholars and so little sympathy from the district. The school made fair progress.

The second term was taught by one who labored untiring for the good of her pupils, but, dispite the teacher's efforts, some of the larger boys became disorderly and shamefully disregarded her wishes. We hope the time is not far distant when this school will undergo a change for the better, and order, system and regularity will be the ruling characteristics of the school.

The third term was taught by a veteran teacher, who is well known to you all. His natural and acquired talents combine to render him an earnest and efficient laborer in this capacity. We fear however that some of his pupils did not fully appreciate his untiring efforts. The order was not the best.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

The teacher of the first term fully sustained the reputation she had already won. The school was characterized with the same degree of earnestness, thoroughness and good order, as last year. We regretted that her services could not have been had throughout the year.

The second and third terms were taught by one whose qualifications were more superficial than solid, a thorough drill in some of the branches taught would carry her beyond her depth.

Her first term was almost a failure. The difficulty seemed to be that some of the boys, actuated by a high regard for the privileges of "Young America," were disposed to indulge in conduct not in accordance with good order in school; and the teacher had such an exalted opinion of our educational system as to let the school *keep itself*. This is to be the more regretted, as a majority of the school, under a faithful and competent teacher, were disposed to make good use of their time and advantage. She made strenuous efforts during the last term to counteract the mistakes of the former term, by a vigilant care of her pupils and an untiring devotion to her work. As far as we learned she succeeded quite well. Her final examination showed a marked improvement over the last.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

First term. A small school. Moderately successful. Discipline

very good. Progress fair. One little boy made one of the best recitations in geography we ever heard.

Second term. This teacher had good literary qualifications and succeeded well. He is bidding fair to become an excellent teacher. The school did all that was expected.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

First term. The efforts of the teacher were in a good degree successful. The progress was commendable.

The second term enjoyed the services of one who understood her business, consequently a good school. Her faithfulness and skill were clearly brought to light at the closing examination.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

First term. A good school, with a teacher active, intelligent, resolute, keen, and knew how to make her work tell. The closing examination was very satisfactory, presenting a fine exhibition in the branches taught. The order was good.

The second term was under the charge of an excellent scholar. One of the most faithful and hard working of the teachers. The school made reasonable progress. The order was not good.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

First term. The teacher was a fine scholar but appeared pre-eminently lazy, consequently not much progress was made. The scholars took the advantage and had a glorious time.

Second term. A faithful teacher. The school was in a bad state to begin with but improved steadily through the term. The examination very commendable. Order good.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

The school, though one of the smallest in town, was a profitable one, proving to the satisfaction of the Committee that the right teacher had found the right place.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

First term. A backward school. Nothing very great was accomplished. Discipline very good. Order fair.

Second term. Everything was quite pleasant, faithful and progressive as could be expected.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Another teacher in the right place. The school appeared well whenever visited.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

A very pleasant little school. Recitations were in a tone loud enough to be distinctly heard. The register very neatly filled out.

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## THE ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars who were not tardy nor absent (except in cases of sickness) during their term of school.

District No. 1. P. First term. Sarah Wallace, John E. Butterfield, George W. Christie, Richard C. Goodell, Walter S. Herrick, Oscar O. Hudson, Morton Paige, Florence C. Hunt.

Second term. Mary W. Carter, Florence C. Hunt, Sarah Wallace, Flora J. Wallace, Mary S. Wallace, Bertie Butterfield, George W. Butterfield, George W. Christie, Richard C. Goodell, Elmer O. Johnson, Carlie Muzzey, Morton Paige.

Third term. Bertie Butterfield, Morton Paige, Perley N. Griffin, Jenny M. Jameson, Gertrude D. Jameson, Florence C. Hunt, Mary S. Wallace, Richard C. Goodell, George W. Christie.

NO. 1. G. First term. Bertolette Paige, John H. Hackett, George F. Woodbury, Frances E. Forsaith, Helen C. Woodbury, Nettie A. Hunt, Estella A. Hill, Minnie A. Clark, Grace M. Hill.

Second term. Bertolette Paige, Dana D. Goodell, Frances E. Forsaith, Helen C. Woodbury, Nettie A. Hunt, Clara E. Paige, Maud Muzzey, Mary J. Saltmarsh.

Third term. Bertolette Paige, John H. Hackett, Dana D. Goodell, Morris B. Greely, Charles H. Jackson, Wm. H. Munhall, Maurice E. Nay, Helen C. Woodbury, Nettie A. Hunt, Mary J. Saltmarsh.

No. 2. First term. Alden C. Hutchinson, Charles E. Butterfield.

Second term. George A. Chapin, Charles F. Butterfield, George P. Butterfield, Willie A. Holt, Eva M. Butterfield, Gertie A. Hastings, Nellie Holt, Mabel Hastings.

Third term. Ira P. Hutchinson, Charles S. Holt, George A. Sawyer, Willie C. Hills, George M. Carr, Earnest P. Chapin, George A. Chapin, Nellie J. Holt, Gertie A. Hastings, Linda E. Hutchinson.

No. 3. First term. Alice Sawyer, Annie Sawyer, Grace Swain. Second term none.

Third term. Alice B. Sawyer.

No. 4. None.

No. 5. First term. Minnie V. Holmes. Second term, none.

No. 6. Second term. Eugene Barker, Willis A. Barker, Lilla Goodwin, Nellie M. Barker, Junia Barker.

No. 7. Second term. Herbert Butterfield, Arthur P. Whittemore, Herbert A. Gould, Harvey A. White, Bertie C. Butterfield, Charles S. White, Walter P. Gould, Mattie M. Butterfield.

No. 8. First term. Nettie L. Tenny, Annie E. Dutton.

No. 9. First term. Nora N. Conn.

Second term. Alberto E. Cutter, Effie I. Conn, Lillie B. McIlvin, Laura S. Mellen.

No. 10. First term. Irving E. Stowell, George F. Sanford.

No. 13. First term. Mary A. Clement, Lottie M. Clement, Frank W. Dowlin.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBOTT F. TRUE, S. S. Committee.

Antrim, N. H. Feb. 19, 1878.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| | Districts. | Weeks of School. | No. of Scholars. | Read'g and Spell'g. | Penmanship. | Arithmetic. | Grammar. | Geography. | Composition. | History. | Book-keeping. | Algebra. | Bet'n 5 &15 n't at'g | Tardiness. | Visits by Citizens. | Wages of teachers per month including board. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FIRST TERM. | 1p | 11 | 34 | 34 | 20 | 17 | | 11 | | | | | | 16 | 33 | $28 00 |
| | 1g | 11 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 6 | 12 | | 3 | | 2 | | 9 | 50 | 36 00 |
| | 2 | 9 | 35 | 35 | 28 | 24 | 2 | 12 | | 4 | | | | 15 | 30 | 31 00 |
| | 3 | 9 | 28 | 28 | 25 | 21 | 7 | 15 | 7 | | | 2 | 1 | 98 | 18 | 26 00 |
| | 4 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | 4 | 17 | 20 00 |
| | 5 | 8 | 14 | 14 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 6 | | | | | | 15 | 6 | 24 00 |
| | 6 | 7 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 | | 4 | | 21 | 11 | 16 00 |
| | 7 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 7 | | 4 | | | | | | 26 | 7 | 16 00 |
| | 8 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 12 | 16 00 |
| | 9 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 6 | | 2 | | | | | | 10 | 10 | 13 00 |
| | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | | 2 | | | | | | | 5 | 16 00 |
| | 13 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | | 3 | | | | | | 31 | 12 | 22 00 |
| | | 104 | 182 | 182 | 134 | 127 | 23 | 77 | 9 | 9 | | 8 | 1 | 246 | 211 | $264 00 |
| SECOND TERM. | 1p | 11 | 34 | 34 | 25 | 18 | | 11 | | | | | | 28 | 50 | $28 00 |
| | 1g | 11 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 18 | 16 | 18 | | | 2 | | 31 | 63 | 36 00 |
| | 2 | 8 | 34 | 34 | 20 | 23 | 5 | 11 | | 1 | | | | 30 | 37 | 31 00 |
| | 3 | 8 | 27 | 27 | 23 | 20 | 6 | 14 | | 2 | | 2 | | 64 | 24 | 25 00 |
| | 4 | 11 | 16 | 16 | 11 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 3 | | 3 | | 88 | 58 | 29 00 |
| | 5 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 11 | 3 | 4 | | | | 1 | | 38 | 8 | 28 00 |
| | 6 | 6 | 21 | 21 | 7 | 19 | 8 | 12 | | | | | | 42 | | |
| | 7 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 6 | | | 1 | | | | 16 | 20 00 |
| | 8 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | 4 | 12 | 16 00 |
| | 9 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 5 | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | 16 | 13 00 |
| | | 85 | 203 | 203 | 140 | 154 | 50 | 78 | 22 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 328 | 284 | 226 00 |
| 3d TERM. | 1p | 11 | 37 | 37 | 25 | 21 | | 11 | | | | | | 29 | 60 | $28 00 |
| | 1g | 11 | 32 | 32 | 29 | 32 | 23 | 8 | 28 | | | 4 | | 34 | 61 | 40 00 |
| | 2 | 9½ | 30 | 30 | 24 | 29 | 11 | 15 | 15 | | | 2 | | 23 | 20 | 33 00 |
| | 3 | 8 | 28 | 28 | 18 | 21 | 3 | 12 | | 2 | | 2 | | 59 | 16 | 28 00 |
| | | 39½ | 127 | 127 | 96 | 103 | 37 | 46 | 43 | 2 | | 8 | | 142 | 157 | $129 00 |

# FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

# TOWN OF ANTRIM

## FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

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| | |
|---|---|
| The amount of taxes committed to S. A. Holt, for collection, | $7,287 33 |
| Interest collected, | 13 81 |
| Dog tax, | 55 00 |
| | $7,356 14 |

### CREDIT.

| | |
|---|---|
| By sundry receipts from the Treasurer, | $7,258 74 |
| " taxes remaining in Collector's hands, | 97 40 |
| | $7,356 14 |

### RECEIPTS INTO TREASURY.

| | |
|---|---|
| To cash from Treasurer of 1876, | $2,630 25 |
| Collector of 1877, | 7,244 93 |
| Savings Bank tax, | 1,211 06 |
| Railroad tax, | 4 56 |
| Literary fund, | 99 76 |
| Insurance tax, | 13 50 |
| Collectors of 1876, | 1,281 92 |
| Collector of 1875, | 18 93 |
| Selectmen, wood sold, | 15 00 |
| Bennington, for wrench and spikes, | 2 89 |
| H. D. Chapin, on note, | 51 21 |
| S. A. Holt, interest on taxes, | 13 81 |
| J. E. & J. F. Tenney, interest on taxes, | 17 41 |
| | $12,605 23 |

## CREDIT.

| | |
|---|---|
| By Coupons paid, | $ 837 00 |
| Town orders " | 4,475 64 |
| Town bonds " | 2,000 00 |
| Interest on bonds " | 10 50 |
| State tax " | 1,316 00 |
| County tax " | 750 02 |
| Non-resident highway tax worked out, | 50 93 |
| Remaining in the Treasury, | 3,165 14 |
| | $12,605 23 |

## SCHOOL ORDERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| District No. 1. D. H. Goodell, J. C. Butterfield, | $447 76 |
| 2, H. D. Chapin, | 220 70 |
| 3, M. B. McIlvin, | 169 78 |
| 4, Charles Appleton, | 125 25 |
| 5, Ira Holmes, | 68 93 |
| 6, James Wood, | 48 78 |
| 7, R. P. Whittemore, | 64 61 |
| 8, Hosea E. Dutton, | 51 78 |
| 9, Ipps Wyman, | 40 19 |
| 10, Joshua T. Stowell, | 41 73 |
| 13, J. Dow Clement, | 34 27 |
| | $1,313 78 |

## BREAKING ROAD ORDERS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Henry M. Barker, | $3 08 | Wm. M. Conn, | 7 10 |
| Charles F. Whitney, | 90 | Sam. A. Holt, | 11 25 |
| Wm. R. Carr, | 2 25 | B. C. Butterfield, | 1 35 |
| G. M. Duncan, | 2 70 | Henry A. Rogers, | 4 20 |
| Henry S. Lawrence, | 7 10 | George F. Parmenter, | 2 92 |
| Elijah Kimball, | 3 84 | Luther Campbell, | 3 22 |
| Luther S. Curtis, | 14 17 | John G. Abbott, | 2 70 |
| Joshua T. Stowell, | 2 85 | Joshua T. Stowell, | 10 80 |
| S. M. Thompson, | 16 30 | Reed P. Whittemore, | 12 45 |
| Daniel Simonds, | 4 95 | A. A. Miller, | 1 50 |
| Eben Bass, | 3 50 | Harvey Stacy, | 3 88 |
| Wm. R. Carr, | 5 85 | Andrew D. White, | 6 61 |
| Robert B. Hopkins, | 4 80 | Isaac Fletcher, | 14 25 |
| John G. Hudson, | 5 00 | Hugh A. Rogers, | 9 97 |
| William Curtis, | 8 00 | Hiram J. Combs, | 3 90 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Henry D. Chapin, | 8 49 | George Brown, | 4 20 |
| Geo. J. Appleton, | 5 95 | I. P. Wellman, | 3 67 |
| Andrew Cochran, | 7 35 | Josiah Loveren, | 11 25 |
| Chandler Butterfield, | 3 30 | James Wood, | 10 10 |
| W. F. Dustin, | 4 88 | | |
| Mason E. Dustin, | 30 67 | | $279 28 |
| Isaac Fletcher, | 8 03 | | |

## MISCELLANEOUS TOWN ORDERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| D. L. Guernsey, books, blanks and stationary, | $ 9 48 |
| B. W. Sanborn, Town Officer for clerk, | 2 50 |
| Holton & Thompson, blanks and notices, | 2 15 |
| I. P. Wellman, work on road, | 4 20 |
| Josiah Loveren, bridge lumber and work, | 23 00 |
| Harvey B. Hopkins, injury to horse, | 25 00 |
| George Brown, building road, | 800 00 |
| George F. Parmenter, land damage, | 15 00 |
| Langdon Swett, Poll tax, | 1 65 |
| Holton & Thompson, printing invoice, and taxes, | 30 00 |
| Holton & Thompson, printing and advertising, | 3 25 |
| Holton & Thompson, printing town reports, | 28 50 |
| B. W. Sanborn, laws and decisions, | 5 00 |
| H. D. Chapin, labor on highway, | 11 30 |
| Josiah Loveren, bridge lumber and labor, | 39 48 |
| Luther Campbell, labor on road, | 15 12 |
| Leonard B. Curtis, labor on road, | 2 55 |
| William Stacy, labor on road, | 4 05 |
| Freeman Pelsey, travel through field, | 3 00 |
| Eben Bass, bridge plank, | 6 66 |
| B. K. Webber, counsel for Selectmen of 1876, | 15 00 |
| S. M. Thompson, services as Constable, | 2 00 |
| J. T. Stowell, labor on road, | 14 25 |
| Hosea E. Dutton, labor on road, | 18 90 |
| George Brown, labor on road, | 4 50 |
| E. D. & L. W. Putney, powder, fuse and spikes, | 7 04 |
| Wm. R. Carr, labor on road, | 18 64 |
| Wm. R. Carr, services as Sexton, | 12 50 |
| Jackson Boutelle, travel through field, | 3 00 |
| T. S. Worthley, bridge plank, | 3 78 |
| H. D. Chapin, illegal tax 1876, | 7 60 |
| James N. Gove, lumber for bridge and railing, | 4 50 |
| S. A. Holt and J. M. Duncan, fish wardens, | 7 00 |
| B. F. Dustin, labor on road, | 4 35 |
| Wm. M. Conn, lobor on road, | 8 59 |

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|---|---|
| Mason E. Dustin, labor on road, | 7 35 |
| Chandler Butterfield, labor on road, | 2 04 |
| E. D. Putney, use of room, | 3 00 |
| Wilson & Moore, record book and express, | 11 00 |
| S. A. Holt, services as collector, | 45 00 |
| Charles F. Holt, bridge plank and labor, | 18 12 |
| Charles F. Holt, services as Constable, | 4 00 |
| Geo. E. Butterfield, labor on road, | 90 |
| J. T. Stowell, repairing culvert, | 1 50 |
| John F. Dodge, Police badges, | 1 50 |
| J. D. Mathews, labor on Forest road, | 8 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, Centennial expenses, | 661 25 |
| Charles B. Dodge, services as Town Clerk, | 28 25 |
| Abbott F. True, services as S. S. Committee, | 70 00 |
| John G. Abbott, bridge plank and stringers, | 44 85 |
| Luke W. Hill, bridge wrench, | 2 50 |
| E. T. Adams, services as constable, | 2 00 |
| Clark Hopkins, bridge plank, | 1 65 |
| Lewis G. Bass, watering place, | 2 00 |
| John G. Hudson, labor on road, | 3 20 |
| G. G. Hutchinson, services as Sexton, | 3 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, copying invoice and taxes for printer and State tax Commissioners, | 4 00 |
| Will J. Newman, care of Town house and work, | 8 50 |
| John C. Dodge, bridge plank, | 29 88 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, services as Sexton, | 9 00 |
| A. Fairfield, use of room, | 2 00 |
| William Stacy, sheep killed by dogs, | 10 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, expense to Concord, Manchester and Nashua, | 8 00 |
| Mary J. Joy, support of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| John Emery, support of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| John Munhall, support of watering trough, | 1 50 |
| Freeman Pelsey, sheep killed by dogs, | 8 00 |
| B. W. Sanborn, blanks, express, &c. | 3 25 |
| Ed J. Thompson, printing blanks, notices &c. | 5 10 |
| Eben Bass, bounties on Foxes and Hawks, | 8 60 |
| Sawyer & Bryer, labor on bridges, roads and drawing plank, | 21 00 |
| D. P. Bryer, drilling tools, | 3 75 |
| B. F. Dustin, travel through field, | 6 00 |
| S. G. Wallace, travel through field, | 1 50 |
| Catherine Worthley, over tax, | 8 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, services as Selectman, | 75 00 |

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|---|---|
| Samuel S. Sawyer, services as Selectman, | 64 00 |
| Elijah F. Gould, services as Selectman, | 55 00 |
| Eben Bass, services as Town Treasurer, | 50 00 |
| Almus Fairfield, services as Auditor, | 5 00 |
| James W. Perkins, services as Auditor, | 5 00 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, boarding Selectmen, | 10 00 |
| | $2,492 73 |

## TRAMP ORDERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| A. A. Miller, keeping tramps, | $ 3 00 |
| E. D. & L. W. Putney, rations for tramps, | 5 58 |
| Henry J. Beasom, lodging and feeding tramps, | 2 35 |
| Woodard & Corey, blankets for tramp house, | 5 00 |
| Geo A. Cochran, lodging and feeding 73 tramps, | 14 00 |
| Charles H. Carter, lodging and feeding 64 tramps, | 36 00 |
| E. D. & L. W. Putney, crackers and fish, | 1 52 |
| S. Forsaith, stove and funnel for tramp house, | 4 25 |
| Henry J. Beasom, police duties, pail, broom, &c. | 11 00 |
| Henry J. Beasom, work at tramp house, | 2 50 |
| R. S. Simonds, police duties, &c. | 4 42 |
| Charles F. Holt, care of drunken tramps, | 1 00 |
| S. S. Sawyer, lodging and feeding tramps, | 2 00 |
| | $92 62 |

## POOR ORDERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| County of Hillsborough, boarding and clothing A. J. Curtis, | $165 01 |
| L. M. Wilkins, shoe work for Curtis family, | 2 85 |
| Grafton Curtis, boarding Mrs. A. J. Curtis and two children, | 72 22 |
| William Stacy, storage of Mrs. Curtis' goods, | 2 00 |
| I. G. Anthoine, medical services for Curtis family, | 21 50 |
| L. B. Curtis, moving Mrs. A. J. Curtis' goods, | 1 25 |
| J. S. Butler, goods for Mrs. Curtis, | 6 40 |
| Geo. A. Cochran, services as Overseer of poor, | 10 00 |
| I. G. Anthoine, medical services for Curtis family, 1876, | 8 00 |
| I. G. Anthoine, medical services for C. A. Barrett's family, 1876, | 8 00 |
| | $297 23 |

## FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town bonds outstanding, | | $11,800 00 |
| Whole amount of liabilites, | | $11,800 00 |
| Remaining in the treasury, | $3,165 14 | |
| Remaining in collector's hands of 1875, | 38 47 | |
| Remaining in collector's hands of 1876, | 80 33 | |
| Remaining in collector's hands of 1877, | 97 40 | |
| Amount of assetts, | | $3,381 34 |
| Amount of town debt, | | $8,418 66 |
| Amount of town debt March 1st, 1876, | $9,772 50 | |
| Amount of town debt March 1st, 1877, | 8,418 66 | |
| Debt deminished in 1877, | $1,353 84 | |

Respectfully submitted, by

ALMUS FAIRFIELD,
JAMES W. PERKINS, } *Auditors.*

## EXTRA EXPENSES IN 1877.

| | |
|---|---|
| Centennial expense, | $ 661 25 |
| George Brown road, | 800 00 |
| Less money raised than in 1876, | 1,000 00 |
| | $2,461 25 |

Cost of tramps not included.

GEO. A. COCHRAN,
SAMUEL S. SAWYER,
ELIJAH F. GOULD, } *Selectmen of Antrim.*

## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid bills for poor of 1876, | $ 16 00 |
| Paid bills for poor of 1877, | 271 23 |
| Paid Overseer of Poor, for services, | 10 00 |
| | $297 23 |

The items for which orders were given will be found on page 18.

Andrew J. Curtis is boarded at the County farm, at an expense of $3 00 per week, which includes clothing and medical expenses.

Mrs. A. J. Curtis and two children are at Grafton Curtis', where they partly earn their living.

The County furnishes aid for Mrs. Pamelia Barker, at John Emery's, three Sanford children at Lewis Green's, for Mrs. Sarah Sawyer, and others.

During the early part of the season the Overseer of the Poor, as well as others, was daily annoyed by tramps calling for food and lodging. A tramp house was built by M. D. & A. M. Poor, and by them rented to the Town for two years, before that time expires it is hoped that the tramp nuisance will cease. The County Commissioners decidedly refuse to pay any tramp bills.

There has been food and lodging furnished to upwards of 200 tramps since last March, at an expense to the Town of $92 62.

Respectfully submitted, by

GEO. A. COCHRAN, *Overseer of Poor.*

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# SCHOOL REPORT.

| PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES. | | | SCHOOL MONEY. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dist. No. 1, John C. Butterfield, Enoch C. Paige. | 72 | Scholars. | $442.51 |
| " " 2, Bill Butterfield. | 34 | " | 218.57 |
| " " 3, Parker Bryer, | 31 | " | 184.41 |
| " " 4, Lewis Simonds, | 6 | " | 121.35 |
| " " 5, Josiah Loveren. | 12 | " | 67.98 |
| " " 6, Daniel McIlvin. | 19 | " | 49.36 |
| " " 7, Chas. A. Whittemore | 13 | " | 63.81 |
| " " 9, A. O. Cutter. | 9 | " | 40.78 |
| " " 10, Lyman T. Lovewell. | 4 | " | 45.66 |
| " " 13, Benton M. Tuttle. | 2 | " | 12.20 |
| | 202 | | $1.246.63 |

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The three terms taught by Miss Lucy M. Buckminster, Keene. A pleasant teacher and a hard worker in the schoolroom. She won the affection of her scholars, and a good and orderly school was the result. Thus proving that success is the result of the required qualities in a teacher.

### GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

The three terms taught by Miss Jenny M. Nesmith, Hancock. An efficient, energetic, and experienced teacher. We are pleased to say that the school was well managed, excellent order maintained, unusual interest shown, and very marked progress made. Several improvements were made in the schoolroom through the efforts of the teacher and scholars.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

First and second terms taught by Miss Lizzie F. Manning, Salem, Mass. Miss Manning is well adapted to teach. She labored hard, gained the good will of the scholars, and her efforts were crowned with success.

Third term: Taught by Henry D. Chapin, Antrim. Mr. Chapin is an experienced teacher, and very earnest in the work. He labored as hard for the scholars as any teacher in town. Good progress was made, but from a lack of interest by a few, and a disposition to play, the discipline of the school was somewhat disturbed.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

The three terms taught by Miss. Jennett S. Knowlton, Hancock. This is a very smart school. The scholars were ambitious and well disposed. With these qualities, and the aid of an experienced and competent teacher, the school made rapid progress.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

First term. Teacher: Miss Cora M. Blanchard, Hillsboro'. This was her first school. Fair progress was made, but there

seemed to be a lack of energy with both teacher and scholars. The school was very small.

Second term. Teacher: Miss Jennie M. Carr, Washington. A profitable term of school. The closing examination showed to us thorough instruction, such as enabled the scholars to retain what they had learned. We gladly welcome such teachers into our schools.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

First term. Teacher: Miss Lulie H. Simonds, Lowell, Mass. A young and promising teacher. The discipline of the school was good, and fair progress made.

Second term. Teacher: Miss Laura A. Gilmore, Hillsboro'. Miss Gilmore is a very thorough and practical teacher, with a perseverance calculated to succeed. We were very much pleased with the appearance and progress of the school.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

First term. Teacher: Miss Sadie Holman, Antrim. A pleasant and successful term of school, orderly, well managed, and good progress made.

Second term. Teacher: Miss Abby C. Morse, Concord. The scholars seemed deeply interested in their studies, and the final examination showed thorough instruction. The school was lengthened about four weeks by subscription, and other efforts put forth by the teacher and scholars.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

First term. Teacher: Miss Etta A. Dinsmore, Hillsboro'. Miss Dinsmore has qualities which, combined with a more thorough knowledge of the English branches, will make her a successful teacher. The progress was all that could be expected for so many classes.

Second term. Teacher: Miss M. A. Crosby, Deering. There is an unnecessary number of classes in this school, which is a great hindrance to its progress. The school appeared well at our

first visit, but circumstances were such that we could be present but an hour at the closing exercises, and cannot give a full report.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

First term. Teacher: Miss Angie I. Marcy, Hillsboro'. A small school, having only two short terms a year, hence it is very backward. The progress was all that could be expected.

Second term. Teacher: Miss Katie S. Harrington, Henniker. Miss Harrington worked hard, and a creditable improvement was made. Good order sustained except on the part of two of the larger boys.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Teacher: Mrs. Sarah L. Lovewell, Antrim. A very small school, well managed, and fair progress made.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

Teacher: Miss Laura A. Gilmore, Hillsboro'. Miss Gilmore showed the same skill and perseverance in this school as in No. 5. We would be glad of her services in some of the larger schools in town.

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## ROLL OF HONOR.

Dist. No. 1. P. First term. Eva M. Clark, Nellie M. Hatch, Florence C. Hunt, Gertrude D. Jameson, Etta M. Miller, R. Isabelle Upton, Flora J. Wallace, A. Stella Wallace, Mason C. Butterfield, George W. Butterfield, Albert N. Curtis, Perley N. Griffin, Elmer O. Johnson, Kimball Paige.

Second term. Althea May Allen, Mary W. Carter, Florence C. Hunt, Ida F. Hudson, Gertrude D. Jameson, Etta May Miller, A. Stella Wallace, Gene Blanchard, George W. Butterfield, Mason C. Butterfield, Oscar U. Hudson, Johnnie B. Jameson, Elmer O. Johnson.

Third term, and year. Etta May Miller, A. Stella Wallace, George W. Butterfield, Mason C. Butterfield.

Dist. No. 1. G. First term. John A. Butterfield, George T. Woodbury, George W. Christie, Bertolette Paige, Morton Paige, Clara E. Paige, Nettie A. Hunt, Jennie M. Jameson, Maud N. Muzzey, Mary E. Munhall, Anna S. Wallace.

Second term. John A. Butterfield, George W. Christie, Richard C. Goodell, Morris E. Nay, Bertolette Paige, Morton Paige, Edward H. Robb, Franc E. Forsaith, Nettie A. Hunt. Jennie M. Jameson.

Third Term. John A. Butterfield, George W. Christie, Richard C. Goodell, Bertolette Paige, Franc E. Forsaith, Grace M. Hill, Jennie M. Jameson, Anna S. Wallace, Emma G. Woodard.

For the year. John A. Butterfield, George W. Christie, Bertolette Paige, Jennie M. Jameson.

Dist. No. 2. First term. Eva Butterfield, Mabel Cochrane, Sophie Dodge, Katie Graves, Minnie Hastings, Mabel Hastings, Gertrude Hastings, Julia Hastings, Nellie Holt, Linda Hutchinson, Mamie Sawyer, Charles Butterfield, George Butterfield, Lincoln Hutchinson, Alden Hutchinson, Willie Hills, Willie Holt, Charles Holt, Robert Cochrane.

Second Term. Mabel Cochrane, Amie Dutton, Minnie Hastings, Gertrude Hastings, Mabel Hastings, Cora Holt, Nellie Holt, Alice Sanford, Ida Sanford, Mamie Sawyer, Nettie Tenney, Charles Butterfield, George Butterfield, Lincoln Hutchinson, Alden Hutchinson, Ira Hutchinson, Willie Hills, Willie Holt, George Sanford, Robert Cochrane, Hayward Cochrane, Johnnie Hastings, George Sawyer.

Third term. Linda E. Hutchinson, Ira P. Hutchinson, Alden C. Hutchinson, George A. Sawyer, Willie C. Hills, Charles P. Butterfield, Mabel S. Hastings, Charles L. Holt, Nellie J. Holt.

Dist. No. 3. First term. Eva Sawyer, Alice B. Sawyer, Mary Clement, Clara Curtis, Annie Sawyer.

Second Term. Alice B. Sawyer.

Third term. Eva Sawyer, Alice B. Sawyer.

For the year. Alice B. Sawyer.

Dist. No. 4. First term. Emma F. Duncan, Freddie P. Waite.

Dist. No. 5. First term. George M. Loveren.

Second Term. George M. Loveren, Minnie N. Holmes, Annie E. Barrett.

Dist. No. 6. First term. Nellie M. Barker, Katie A. Barrett, Harriet J. Wood, Eugene L. Barker.

Dist. No. 7. First term. Arthur P. Whittemore, Herbert A. Gould.

Second term. Arthur P. Whittemore, Herbert A. Gould, Harvey A. White.

Dist. No. 9. First term. Nellie P. McIlvin, Lillie B. McIlvin, Clara N. Cutter.

Dist. No. 10. Irving E. Stowell.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| | Districts. | Weeks of School. | No. of Scholars. | Average Attendance. | Between 5 and 15 not attending. | Tardiness. | Visits by S. S. Com. | Visits by P. Com. | Visits by Citizens. | Wages of teacher per month, including board. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st TERM. | 1p | 10 | 28 | 26 1/2 | | 6 | 4 | 1 | 64 | $28.00 |
| | 1g | 10 | 27 | 26 7/8 | | 12 | 3 | 2 | 51 | 36.00 |
| | 2 | 9 | 32 | 30 1/2 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 30.00 |
| | 3 | 6 | 28 | | 1 | 22 | 2 | | 5 | 22.60* |
| | 4 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 2 | | 4 | 18.00 |
| | 5 | 9 | 12 | 9 2/3 | | 49 | 2 | | | * |
| | 6 | 7 | 9 | 6 3/4 | | 8 | 2 | | 8 | 20.00 |
| | 7 | 7 | 13 | 11 | | 7 | 2 | | 11 | 16.40 |
| | 9 | 6 | 8 | 4 1/8 | 3 | 10 | 2 | | 3 | 20.00 |
| | 10 | 9 | 4 | | | | 2 | 1 | 4 | 17.50* |
| | 13 | 7 | 2 | 1 7/8 | | 15 | 2 | | | 22.00 |
| | | 89 | 169 | | 10 | 145 | 26 | 5 | 170 | |
| 2nd TERM. | 1p | 8 | 31 | 29 1/3 | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 43 | $32.00 |
| | 1g | 8 | 30 | 29 1/3 | | 16 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 36.00 |
| | 2 | 8 | 34 | 29 3/8 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 30.00 |
| | 3 | 10 | 30 | | 1 | 41 | 3 | | | 25.12* |
| | 4 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 33 | 28.00 |
| | 5 | 9 | 12 | 10 1/3 | | 17 | 2 | | | 20 00 |
| | 6 | 12 | 19 | 13 1/4 | | 42 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 24.00 |
| | 7 | 6 | 11 | 10 | | 13 | 2 | | 6 | 20.20 |
| | 9 | 9 | 9 | 6 3/4 | 2 | 33 | 2 | | 12 | * |
| | | 80 | 186 | | 8 | 178 | 21 | 8 | 150 | |
| 3d TERM. | 1p | 10 | 27 | 22 3/4 | | 5 | 3 | 2 | 51 | $32.00 |
| | 1g | 10 | 37 | 32 7/8 | 7 | 65 | 3 | 2 | 56 | 40.00 |
| | 2 | 10 | 33 | 30 1/4 | 2 | 76 | 3 | | 25 | 36.00 |
| | 3 | 10 | 31 | | 1 | 35 | 3 | | 5 | 27.60* |
| | | 40 | 128 | | 10 | 181 | 12 | 4 | 137 | $135.60 |

*Register imperfectly carried out.

FELLOW TOWNSMEN:

In our report of the several schools, we have endeavored to give each due credit. It has been our desire that every school in town should be a success. But few complaints have been made, and we are of the opinion that the prudential committees have made as good a selection of teachers as the present circumstances would admit. We would earnestly advise that the same teahers, so far as they have given satisfaction, be engaged for another year. The frequent changing of teachers is detrimental to the best interests of our schools.

We have made one change in text books this year by introducing Harper's Geography in the place of Warren's. It is hoped that more attention will be paid to this important branch of education, especially in those schools where a large share of the time is given to arithmetic.

The registers show quite a large number of absent and tardy marks. This habit is a great hindrance to the success and progress of our schools. Parents who are interested in the future welfare of their children should strive to prevent the formation of careless habits through irregular attendance, which will follow them as they advance in life. Teachers need the co-operation of parents to drive this evil from our schools.

Parents endeavor to train their children properly, yet they often fail. Hence the period hastens in the history of the child when the faculties come to require a more systematic training. The education now passes not from the parent to the teacher but into that form when the schoolroom instruction is added to that of the household, and the schoolteacher comes to the help of the parent. Now is the time when the teacher needs his co-operation and support. The teacher will very soon learn those who have been neglected and improperly trained at home, and convinced of the fact that "The child well governed at home is more than half governed at school." It will be hard indeed for the teacher to erase what the parent has written, and to enforce what the parent has neglected. It is just here that difficulties arise between parent and teacher, when too often, instead of his support we find

him complaining that his children are managed differently from his neighbor's, that the teacher shows partiality. Visit the two families, and you will find in the one negligence and discord, in the other obedience and harmony. Under such circumstances school children having dispositions unlike, must of necessity be governed differently. It would be just as effectual for a physician to prescribe the same treatment to all his patients as for a teacher to apply the same controlling influence to all the pupils.

But teachers do sometimes err in this respect. The child of four or five years has been allowed to wander in the green fields and pastures, admiring the vast variety of plants and flowers, acquiring stores of useful knowledge by observation, without stint or tiring. Nature has thus far been his teacher. As he enters the schoolroom all seems a blank to him; he sees objects he cannot comprehend, and hears that which he cannot understand. It does not suffice that the teacher learns him to read and spell. Satisfy his inquiring mind with objects that will interest him; *gradually* lead his thoughts to a love for books, and the knowledge they impart; not by confining him to his books, not by compelling him to study, but by object teaching.

But we must not expect teachers more than farmers or mechanics, to work profitably without tools; we would therefore earnestly recommend that each school district be furnished with wall maps, a globe, blocks, and numeral frame. Every experienced teacher knows that teaching without sufficient apparatus is fraught with many difficulties, and the scholars, though passing over their studies with fair success it may be, fail to fully understand points that might easily be made plain by their aid.

It is wise for every town to hold out inducements to people to move into town for a home. How can this more effectually be done than by striving for the best system of common schools? to many this would be the greatest inducement. To this end one improvement must first be made by diminishing the number of districts. There are too many districts in town for the number of scholars. Districts four and six might and ought to be united. If districts five, nine, and ten could by any means be wisely united,

it would be a great advantage to every scholar in those districts. We could thus lessen expenditure, have larger schools, longer terms, better teachers, and as a result better scholars.

In a school of half a dozen scholars, and three times as many classes, a teacher cannot make his time and efforts tell; the scholars lack the necessary stimulus found in larger schools, of rivalry, and ambition to excel each other. These suggestions occurred to us while visiting the smaller schools and noting their progress. We respectfully submit them for your consideration.

I. G. ANTHOINE, S. S. Committee.

Antrim, N. H., Feb. 24, 1879.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

# TOWN OF ANTRIM

## FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

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| | |
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| The amount of taxes committed to S. A. Holt, for collection, | $7,449 93 |
| Interest collected, | 8 78 |
| Dog tax, | 58 00 |
| | $7,516 71 |

### CREDIT.

| | |
|---|---|
| By sundry receipts from Treasurer, | $7,316 91 |
| " Taxes remaining in Collector's hands, | 199 80 |
| | $7,516 71 |

### RECEIPTS INTO TREASURY.

| | |
|---|---|
| To cash from Treasurer of 1877, | $3,165 14 |
| Collector of 1878, | 7,308 13 |
| Savings Bank Tax, | 1,119 61 |
| Railroad Tax, | 3 00 |
| Literary Fund, | 77 70 |
| Insurance Tax, | 13 50 |
| Collector of 1877, | 75 21 |
| Collector of 1876, | 10 00 |
| Interest on Taxes of 1878, | 8 78 |
| Interest on Taxes of 1877, | 4 93 |
| Interest on Taxes of 1876, | 1 11 |
| License for Show, | 1 00 |
| | $11, 788 11 |

## CREDIT.

| | |
|---|---|
| By Coupons paid, | $ 621 00 |
| Town orders " | 4,679 09 |
| Bonds " | 1,500 00 |
| Interest on Bonds " | 30 39 |
| State Tax " | 1,316 00 |
| County Tax " | 1,022 76 |
| Non-Resident Highway Tax worked out, | 38 13 |
| Remaining in the Treasury, | 2,580 74 |
| | $11,788 11 |

## SCHOOL ORDERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| District No. 1, J. C. Butterfield, | $150 00 |
| 1, E. C. Paige, | 292 51 |
| 2, Bill C. Butterfield, | 218 57 |
| 3, D. P. Bryer, | 184 41 |
| 4, Lewis Simonds, | 121 35 |
| 5, Josiah Loveren, | 67 98 |
| 6, Daniel McIlvin, | 49 36 |
| 7, C. A. Whittemore, | 63 81 |
| 9, Albert O. Cutter, | 40 78 |
| 10, L. T. Lovewell, | 45 66 |
| 13, Miles B. Tuttle, | 12 20 |
| | $1,246 63 |

## BREAKING ROADS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rodney Sawyer | $2 20 | E. Z. Hastings, | $6 98 |
| I. P. Wellman, | 2 25 | Harvey Stacey, | 1 75 |
| J. G. Hudson, | 3 30 | James Wood, | 14 85 |
| Hugh A. Rogers, | 13 57 | Hiram Eaton, | 11 62 |
| Robert B. Hopkins, | 18 35 | George Turner, | 6 67 |
| Wm. Curtis, | 2 80 | Charles Appleton, | 6 90 |
| Josiah Loveren, | 14 30 | S. G. Wallace, | 10 85 |
| Wm. R. Carr, | 3 42 | James Richardson, | 9 62 |
| Hiram J. Combs, | 1 80 | Mason Dustin, | 13 71 |
| George Brown, | 4 80 | W. F. Dustin, | 9 40 |
| Ira Holmes, | 7 80 | T. S. Worthley, | 7 27 |
| Lawson A. White, | 11 43 | Franklin Robinson, | 13 42 |
| Luther Campbell, | 11 32 | Lewis Simonds, | 10 80 |
| Daniel Swett, | 6 60 | Levi M. Curtis, | 4 83 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Amos Dodge, | $12 37 | Morris Christie, | $2 00 |
| Jackson Boutelle, | 10 20 | Samuel Dinsmore, | 2 62 |
| C. A. Conn, | 25 60 | | |
| L. M. Wilkins, | 14 05 | | $309 50 |
| G. G. Huthinson, | 9 00 | | |

## MISCELLANEOUS TOWN ORDERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| F. A. Thompson, printing town reports, | 27 00 |
| " " " warrants, | 1 00 |
| D. J. Parkhurst & Son, bridge plank, | 40 00 |
| D. L. Guernsey, blanks, blank books and stationery, | 12 00 |
| B. W. Sanborn & Co., N. H. Reports, | 57 50 |
| I. G. Anthoine, returns of births and deaths, | 2 50 |
| Wm. M. Conn, drawing stone and building bridges, | 56 00 |
| F. A. Thompson, printing orders, notices, etc., | 3 15 |
| " " " invoice and taxes, | 30 00 |
| Wm. R. Carr, labor on bridge, | 15 00 |
| Jackson Boutelle," " " | 4 50 |
| H. S. Lawrence, " " " | 4 50 |
| W. F. Dustin, labor on road, | 15 66 |
| J. Dow Clement, labor on bridge, | 12 00 |
| B. F. George, surveying road near Baldwin bridge, | 10 00 |
| J. G. Hudson, labor on road and bridge, | 4 60 |
| A. B. Crombie, painting bridges, | 10 30 |
| John T. Warde, building Baldwin road and bridges, | 843 00 |
| Farnum & Scott, printing, | 3 00 |
| Sawer & Bryer, labor on road and bridge, | 44 00 |
| J. H. Gould, labor on bridge, | 92 61 |
| L. M. Wilkins, labor on road and putting up railing, | 12 25 |
| D. P. Bryer, blacksmith work, | 18 35 |
| Chase, Stearns & Co., iron and bolts for railing, | 46 50 |
| Louis Charron, labor, powder and paint, | 5 45 |
| Luther Campbell, labor on road and putting in culvert, | 15 92 |
| Luther Campbell, use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| Wm. Stacey, labor on roads, | 25 00 |
| Geo. F. Parmenter, labor on bridges, | 25 15 |
| Hugh A. Rodgers, labor on roads, | 33 88 |
| Jackson Boutelle, labor on roads, bridges, drawing plank, | 4 54 |
| Robert B. Hopkins, labor on road, | 2 50 |
| Robert Day, boarding and painting bridges and putting up railing, | 18 87 |
| Clarence E. Sawyer, labor on road, | 2 50 |
| Wm. Curtis, watering trough, | 3 00 |

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| James Robb, labor on road, | $2 40 |
| Josiah Loveren, labor on road, | 2 96 |
| J. Dow Clement, labor on road and bridges, | 61 75 |
| " " use of derrick, spikes and labor, | 9 05 |
| Chester A. Conn, labor on road, | 17 83 |
| Will M. Carr, labor on road, | 7 50 |
| Concord & Claremont R. R., freight on iron, | 6 12 |
| Hiram J. Combs, cutting bushes, | 4 00 |
| E. F. Gould, labor and lumber, | 7 55 |
| Freeman Pelsey, right of way through field, | 3 00 |
| Wm. R. Carr, labor on road and drawing lumber, | 29 50 |
| Isaac Fletcher, labor on road, | 8 71 |
| Pierce & Holman, counsel for selectmen, | 10 00 |
| Geo. E. Whittum, damage for travel through field, | 25 00 |
| " " " land bought for use of town, | 30 00 |
| J. G. Hudson, labor on road, | 15 00 |
| A. A. Miller, labor on road, | 7 96 |
| Wm. G. Wheeler, overtax, | 85 |
| Luke W. Hill, blacksmith work, | 16 81 |
| H. S. Lawrence, labor on highway, | 8 57 |
| Eben Bass, labor on road and bridges, | 11 62 |
| E. D. & L. W. Putney, paint, oil, powder, etc., | 25 68 |
| Sumner Morse, labor on road, | 5 00 |
| James Richardson, labor on road, | 2 10 |
| Wm. R. Carr, services as sexton, | 14 00 |
| M. D. & A. M. Poor, bridge plank, | 2 38 |
| George Brown, bridge plank, | 5 00 |
| Prentiss W. Clark, land damage and labor, | 59 50 |
| Fred Blanchard, labor on road, | 3 50 |
| Tuttle & Curtis, lumber, | 144 58 |
| Geo. G. Hutchinson, labor on highway, | 36 36 |
| Mike McCarty, drawing sand on Baldwin road, | 21 75 |
| Selectmen, labor and cash paid on Baldwin road on account of washout, | 60 00 |
| Lawson A. White, labor on highway, | 8 97 |
| Amos Dodge, repairing road, | 6 29 |
| A. A. Miller, labor on road, | 3 25 |
| Almus Fairfield, copying invoice and taxes, | 5 00 |
| " " powder and use of room, | 2 00 |
| D. J. Parkhurst & Son, lumber for bridge, | 2 97 |
| Mary B. Joy, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| E. W. Estey, overtax, | 85 |
| Wm. Curtis, lumber for bridge, | 2 00 |
| John Munhall, watering trough, | 1 50 |

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| E. Z. Hastings, lumber for bridge, | $ 6 00 |
| Geo. F. Parmenter, labor on highway, | 4 50 |
| Tuttle & Curtis, plank and stringers, | 29 99 |
| J. W. Newman, care of Town House and tolling bell, | 6 50 |
| J. M. Duncan, lumber and labor, | 9 00 |
| J. B. Woodbury, store goods, | 4 73 |
| R. P. Saltmarsh, services as sexton, | 8 25 |
| J. R. Goodell, poll tax in 1877, | 1 65 |
| C. B. Dodge, Services as Town Clerk, | 27 25 |
| F. A. Thompson, printing notices, etc., | 2 15 |
| S. G. Wallace, labor on road, | 4 25 |
| E. D. Putney, use of room, | 1 50 |
| Harvey L. White, labor on road, | 1 20 |
| John G. Hudson, labor on road, | 2 00 |
| Morris Christie, labor on road, | 3 80 |
| I. G. Anthoine, services as S. S. Com., | 70 00 |
| Lewis Simonds, labor on road, | 2 90 |
| G. G. Hutchinson, services as sexton, | 3 00 |
| " " labor on road, | 2 50 |
| James D. Mathews, labor on Forest road | 7 25 |
| George Brown, labor on road, | 8 50 |
| S. S. Sawyer, boarding selectmen, | 10 00 |
| " " postage, | 1 00 |
| S. S. Sawyer, services as Selectman, | 88 00 |
| S. A. Holt, services as collector of taxes, | 50 00 |
| J. G. Abbott, services as Treasurer, | 40 00 |
| Wm. R. Carr, services as Selectman, | 57 00 |
| J. N. Kelsea, labor on highway, | 2 45 |
| J. W. Perkins, services as Auditor, | 5 00 |
| Almus Fairfield, services as Auditor, | 5 00 |
| John G. Abbott, bounty on foxes and hawks, | 14 00 |
| Elijah F. Gould, services as Selectman, | 62 00 |
| C. F. Holt, services as Constable, | 5 50 |
| | $2,755 83 |

## TRAMP ORDERS.

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|---|---|
| H. J. Beasom, lodging tramps, and police duty, | $14 50 |
| M. D & A. M Poor, rent of tramp house, | 14 00 |
| H. J. Beasom, police duty, | 1 50 |
| R. S. Simonds, police duty, | 2 85 |
| H. J. Beasom, lodging and feeding tramps, | 2 25 |
| E. D. & L. W. Putney, goods for tramp house, | 9 00 |

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| S. S. Sawyer, feeding and lodging tramps, | $2 00 |
| | $46 10 |

## POOR ORDERS.

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|---|---|
| Grafton Curtis, boarding Mrs. A. J. Curtis and two children to Feb. 15, 1879, | $63 25 |
| S. N. Worthley, expense of Mary H. Worthley at Insane Asylum, | 76 00 |
| G. G. Bumpus, boarding and clothing A. J. Curtis, to Jan. 1, 1879, | 130 38 |
| I. G. Anthoine, medical services for A. J. Curtis family, | 14 75 |
| Luther M. Wilkins, shoe work for Curtis family, | 5 10 |
| E. D. & L. W. Putney, goods for A. J. Curtis family, | 2 50 |
| J. B. Woodbury, school books for Sanford children. | 1 95 |
| S. S. Sawyer, Overseer of Poor, | 12 00 |
| " " expense to Amherst, Nashua, Concord and Manchester, | 15 10 |
| | $321 03 |

## FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

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|---|---|---|
| Whole amount of Bonds outstanding, | | $10,300 00 |
| Remaining in the Treasury, | $2,580 74 | |
| " " Collector's hands for 1875, | 38 47 | |
| " " " " " 1876, | 70 33 | |
| " " " " " 1877, | 22 19 | |
| " " " " " 1878, | 199 80 | |
| Amount of assets, | $2,911 53 | |
| Whole amount of liabilities, | | $10,300 00 |
| Due the town, | | $2,911 53 |
| Amount of town debt, | | $7,388 47 |
| Amount of town debt March 1, 1878, | | $8,418 66 |
| " " " " " 1, 1879, | | 7,388 47 |
| Debt diminished in 1878, | | $1,030 19 |

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L S. SAWYER,
ELIJAH F. GOULD,
WM. R. CARR,
} Selectmen of Antrim.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer, for the town of Antrim, for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1879, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

ALMUS FAIRFIELD,
JAMES W. PERKINS,
} Auditors.

Antrim, Feb. 20, 1879.

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## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

Bills paid for poor for the past year, $321 03

The items for which orders were given will be found on page 18.

Andrew J. Curtis is boarded at the county farm at an expense of $2.50 per week, which includes clothing and medical expenses.

Mrs. A. J. Curtis and two children are at Grafton Curtis' at an expense of $1.00 per week.

Mary H. Worthley was at the Insane Asylum at Concord, at an expense to the town of $76.00, her father paying the remainder of the expense.

The board of A. J. Curtis at the county farm has been reduced $1.00 per week, and there is a prospect of a still further reduction.

SAM'L S. SAWYER, Overseer of the Poor.

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